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### Changes In Fish Laws Jan. 1

"Good times" are due to continue in 1948. A 5 to 8 per cent increase in retail sales is forecast. Rural communities should prosper. Farm prices are likely to stay high, and farmers' buying power will remain strong.

Such is the consensus of government economists and private experts who make a practice of looking into the crystal ball.

As a curb against a further rise in the cost of living, which already is 63.8 per cent higher than it was in 1939, the President's Council of Economic Advisors and the Federal Reserve Board are proposing that Uncle Sam should tighten bank credits. Inflation grows when there are too many dollars, too few goods.

Inability of business and industry to get easy money at banks would apply a brake on plant expansion, building of homes would slacken, and some unemployment would develop.

Hence you may see some dips in the Full Employment Boom. Government planners, however, haven't always been right in their planning. Remember those dire predictions about hard times and unemployment after V-J Day? Well, we've had inflation ever since!

An encouraging sign in 1948 is the prospect of labor peace and more production. The Taft-Hartley act of Congress and the Bonine-Tripp labor mediation act of the Michigan legislature are being given credit for a 75 per cent reduction in strikes in the Detroit area alone.

The state act provides that a majority of employees of any plant, not just the officers of the union, must authorize a strike. The state authorizes a special election after efforts at mediation have failed. Mediation begins when the union files a notice of intent to strike.

More inflation in 1948 is likely to bring increased pressure on the Michigan legislature for new taxes. How to finance public services of government will dominate the special session which is to start in mid-March, 1948, at Lansing. County governments spent 25 per cent more money in 1946 than they did in 1945. Leroy C. Smith, legislative chairman of the Michigan County Road Association, warns that Michigan's highway system faces a complete breakdown unless counties get more money. He would raise more funds by adding two cents to the gasoline tax.

"The court may not direct or control legislative action," reminded the State Supreme Court as it knocked out the legislature's single school district plan for state educational needs. The ruling would divert \$6,836,000 more to public school from the sales tax fund, 76 percent of which is returned to home governments including the schools.

If state legislators would decide to ignore the sales tax constitutional mandate, as they have done the constitutional provision for reapportionment, apparently they could do so. However, the case is different. Rural areas fear legislative domination by urban areas. Hence reapportionment has been ignored by rural legislators who now control state legislation. The same rural areas want more money for home governments including the schools. It is not likely that legislators would dare to ignore the sales tax diversion timent for this reason.

Governor Kim Sigler, who amazed capital observers by his new techniques of getting action from the state legislature, is due to recuperate from his recent operation before swinging into the 1948 campaign.

### County Road Commission Attends State Meet

Chairman Chester Lozon and members Charles Madsen and Arthur Feldhauser of the Crawford County Road Commission accompanied by County Road Superintendent, A. L. Hull attended the State Convention of Road Commissioners in Grand Rapids last week. The convention, which was held at the Pantlind Hotel, convened on Tuesday and adjourned Thursday.

The meeting was highlighted by talks by State Highway Commissioner Charles Ziegler and State Treasurer D. Hale Brake. Commissioner Ziegler spoke on "Accidents On The Highways" while Treasurer Brake chose as his subject, "Rising Taxes."

### Department Field Offices Advanced

Beginning February 1, the Conservation Department is shifting responsibility for field activities from its office in Lansing to regional offices in Marquette, Roscommon and Jackson.

Regional administration should provide faster and more efficient service for the public, P. J. Hoff, conservation director, said in announcing the change. After 27 years' steady development, the department has outgrown its original centralized organization, he said.

Provisionally named as regional chiefs are Dorias J. Curry for the Upper Peninsula, Harry Aldrich for the northern half of the Lower Peninsula, and Paul F. Hickie for Southern Michigan. Curry and Aldrich now are regional supervisors for the department's field administration division in their respective regions, and Hickie is a former Upper Peninsula game division supervisor who recently returned from Japan after serving as chief forester on the staff of General MacArthur.

Under the new decentralized organization, regional supervisors of the game, fish, forestry education, field administration and parks division will be directly responsible to the new regional chiefs. Division chiefs in Lansing will continue direction of overall programs, research, and such field stations as those for game at Rose Lake, Swan Creek and Cusino, for fish at Hunt Creek, for forest fire at Roscommon and the training school at Higgins Lake.

Planning for the reorganization has been underway since June, when the Conservation Commission announced it was modernizing department machinery to meet greatly expanded current needs. Among other benefits of the new system, the commission believes, will be quicker translation into action programs of the facts learned in years of game and fish management research.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Brugman, and son, Eddie, are spending Christmas in Detroit with relatives.

## SELECT GRAYLING WINTER SPORTS QUEEN; COURT

### Green Wave On Layoff After Dropping Fourth Loop Game

**East Jordan Here On January 9**

The Grayling Green Wave are in the midst of a three week layoff after dropping their fourth straight conference basketball game to Boyne City here last Thursday night. The Wave now holds a record of one win against four defeats. Their lone win was against Roscommon, a non-conference foe, while they have been dropped by Charlevoix, Gaylord, Mancelona and Boyne City in that order in conference scraps.

Again as with other conference foes except Charlevoix, Grayling dropped the game by a close score. The Boyne game was lost by a combination of missed foul shots, field goal shooting opportunities and missed passes. The locals looked good at times, but were weak at the foul line. Boyne presented a fast going quintet that didn't slow down their pace for one instant but kept up a fierce attack from the first period to the final gun.

Max Niederer led the Wave scoring with 3 field goals and a gratis shot for 7 points. Chuck and Jim Feldhauser counted 6 points apiece with Dick Miller hitting for 5 and Owens dropping in a foul shot to complete the 25 score. Scott, Boyne pivot man with 11 points and Moore with 10 led the invaders to a 31 count.

Boyne grabbed a 6 to 5 lead at the end of the first canto and finished the half with a 16 to 10 lead. Again in the third heat they outscored the locals by an 8 to 7 measure with both squads ringing 8 points in the final quarter. Grayling made 11 markers out of 25 foul shots while the visitors counted up 10 from 23 gratis shots.

The Wavelets also finished on the short end of the score as the Boyne reserves took the contest by a 34 to 15 margin. Richardson led the locals with 6 points with Parkinson and Parsons adding 4 each and Ernie Miller dropped in a free shot to complete the Green and White's scoring. Chipman with 8 and McGeorge with 7 led the invading winners. The Boyne second stringers started off with a 9 to 5 advantage in the initial canto and upped it to 18 to 7 by halftime. They scored 8 points in each of the third and fourth periods while the Wavelets could only add up 7 and 1 in each of the last periods.

Coach Willard Cornell is planning a basketball clinic for between the East Jordan game on January 9, which is the last home game for the Wave until they meet Gaylord here on January 30. They will meet Harbor Springs, Pellston and Charlevoix on the road in successive games before their return home to meet the Blue Devils of Gaylord.

### TO GO TO JAPAN

Congratulations are in order for Mrs. Matilda Foley Bishop, who has been chosen by the Troop Information and Education Division of the War Department at Washington, D. C., to teach American soldiers in Japan.

Mrs. Bishop believes that she will be located at Camp Drake, near Tokyo. She was unable to join the Army or Navy during the war and says she is glad to be useful now in the Army of Occupation and is looking forward to the trip by air.

### LOCAL MEAT MARKET SOLD BY OWNER

The stock and equipment as well as the building housing the Duncan Meat Market has been sold to Charles Long of Grayling, Harold Duncan, owner and proprietor of the market has announced.

Mr. Long, who operates Long's Market, has moved the stock into his own store and plans to dispose of the equipment. The building will be rented, he said.

The former owner, Harold Duncan, sold the market because of injuries received in an automobile crash earlier in the fall. Injuries to his shoulder and upper arm made it impossible for him to continue with his business at this time.

### Lawyer Enters Guilty Plea For Client Here

The attorney of Roy H. Larkin of Elk Rapids entered a guilty plea for the defendant before Justice Emil Giegling here Saturday on a charge of killing a doe during the past deer hunting season.

Larkin, who was arrested on the night of November 30, was charged with a loaded gun in his car, using an artificial light, hunting on the Hanson Game Refuge and having a doe in his possession. He was brought before Justice Giegling on December 6 and pleaded not guilty and demanded a trial. Justice Giegling set the date for the trial as December 20.

Larkin's attorney appeared and entered the guilty plea for him. He heard a fine of \$100 and costs of \$10.30 levied against his client as the result of the plea.

### Summer Resident Dies Suddenly

Friends of the Robert Dickens family of Postoria, Ohio, will be sorry to learn of the sudden death of Mrs. Dickens on December 19. Services were held Monday, December 22. She is survived by her husband and daughter, Jane. The Dickens family is well known here having been summer residents at Lake Margrethe for many years.

### Indies To Face Five Foes Here

With the Grayling Green Wave playing their last home game for the month on January 9 when East Jordan comes here, the two local independent quintets will take over the gym to face five invading sets of cage opponents.

Scheduled to appear here on January 14 to play the Keggers and Legion is Gaylord. On January 16 a strong Bay City quintet are to appear against the Keggers with a game for the Legion that night still to be scheduled. Charlevoix will invade Grayling on the 21st with West Branch's strong cage squads scheduled for their initial appearance here this season on the 28th. Houghton Lake's two squads will appear here on February 6.

The dates of February 11, 12, 13 and 14 have been set aside at the local high school gym for the Grayling Invitational Independent Basketball tournament, with the invitations for participating teams to be sent out in the very near future. Plans call for the same type of tournament as was held here last year with about the same results fighting it out.

### Church is Setting For Lansing Wedding

The wedding ceremony of Miss Joyce Irene Wardell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Wardell, Route 3, Lansing, and William O. Sorenson of Grayling, was performed by Karl Krauss at 7 P. M., Saturday in Emmanuel First Lutheran Church at Lansing.

The bride wore a gown of white satin and lace. She carried a bouquet of Amazon lilies and white roses.

Attending the couple were Mr. and Mrs. Francis Whipple, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Hatch, Miss Lorraine Smith and Lynn Lowe.

Mrs. Whipple, who was matron of honor, wore a blue gown and carried a bouquet of yellow chrysanthemums. The bridesmaids, Mrs. Hatch and Miss Smith, were in white.

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### To Present "Her Majesty" And Court New Year's Eve

**New Year To Bring New Queen**

A committee headed by Mrs. C. G. Clippert at a secret meeting this past week end selected a nine girl panel of which one will be "Miss Grayling Winter Sports of 1948" and the other eight will form her court. The new queen will be presented to the public along with her court at the V. F. W. New Year's Eve party scheduled at the Grayling High School gym. As the New Year dawns the new queen will be presented and will take up her duties from the Queen of 1947, Miss Nancy Cox.

The nine girls, all of whom are Grayling High School seniors are: from Beaver Creek, Pat Silling; from Lovells, Genevieve Avery; from Frederic, Joan Madill and Barbara Dunckley; from Grayling, Barbara Schmidt, Jeanette Clough, Joan Thompson, Gloria Moore and Beatrice McDaniel. Of this group, one is the 1948 Sovereign, but will not be known to the public until around the stroke of midnight on December 31 as the year 1947 dwindles into eternity.

The presentation will form part of the Grand Opening ceremonies of the Grayling Winter Sports Park which will officially be open to the public this coming week end. The Queen and her court will be the official park hostesses and hostesses throughout the season and the Grayling Queen will be one of those competing with other girls representing many Michigan cities for the honor of being designated, "Michigan Snow Queen" on the week end of February 13, 14 and 15 when the annual Grayling Winter Sports Carnival is scheduled.

Others who served on the committee which selected the queen and court were: Mrs. Royale Wright, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Clement, Mr. and Mrs. George Griffith, Mrs. Harold MacNeven, Winter Sports President and Mrs. Harold Clift, Howard Schmidt and Park Manager Holger Peterson.

The park, though unofficially open this past week, served several hundred winter sports fans on Saturday and Sunday according to Park Manager Holger Peterson. The park was in full operation and everything was found in readiness for the grand opening, December 26, 27 and 28. Five acres of natural ice rink is now available plus the six steel toboggan slides and the ski slopes. It is expected that at the weekly meeting of Grayling Winter Park, Inc., the operating body, a ski instructor will be named for the season. Also word has been released that a public relations manager will be hired.

Park Manager Peterson announced this week-end that Thursday of each week has been set aside at the park as Grayling Day and that on that day all facilities will be operated without charge.

### Santa Greet Kids At Legion

The Grayling Legion Post 108 with the able assistance of the roly poly, white-bearded gentleman, known as Santa Claus, Saint Nick, Saint Nicholas and a variety of other cognomens, played host to the children of Grayling and Crawford County on Monday afternoon at the Legion Hall on Peninsular avenue.

The children were entertained in the hall in four different groups as the 3 and 4-year-olds and kindergarten pupils from the city entered the portals of Santa Clausland at 1 o'clock, followed by the first, second and third grade pupils from the city at 2:15 P. M. All of the children up to and including the fifth grade in the County outside the city of Grayling started that wonderful hour and a quarter at 3:30 with the fourth and fifth grade pupils from the city following in at 4:30 to finish up a really exciting afternoon for the Legion Committee and workers as well as the kiddies.

In all about 550 children were entertained in the colorfully decorated basement dining room with ice cream, cake, cookies, fruit and other goodies as Christmas carols and music filled the room. After their Yuletide repast the children filed upstairs to where Santa presided at a Christmas tree which glittered and shone in all its trimmings. Santa had a sack of candy and nuts as well as popcorn for each and every one. Mrs. June Gross and George Bastian provided music for the youngsters while they grouped around Santa and the colorful tree. Little faces wreathed in smiles were all the style and everyone wore the latest fad.

Clarence "Johnny" Johnson again served this year as chairman of the Kiddies Christmas Party Committee. He was assisted by many members of the Post and the many phases of getting ready and actually putting on the kiddies party. Members of the Legion Auxiliary were on hand to aid in arrangements and carrying out of the party.

### Saginaw Firm Awarded New US-27 Contract

State Highway Commissioner Charles M. Ziegler has announced the letting of a contract for 7.557 miles of concrete pavement on US-27 relocation west of Higgins Lake in Roscommon County and 0.273 miles of concrete pavement on US-27 in Crawford County to the Bridgeport Concrete Company. The contract is for 7.83 miles of concrete pavement. These sections will join the 4.908 miles of concrete pavement already completed from M-55 north to the Muskegon River. At a later date bids will be taken on grading, drainage structures and pavement for the remaining 5.1 miles of the relocation. When completed, the entire project will complete 17.836 miles of pavement. This relocation of US-27 west of Houghton and Higgins Lake will cut 12 miles from the present US-27 route and divert through traffic away from the congested resort area at Prudenville.

### Grayling Christmas Mail Hits All Time High

Clerks and carriers of the Grayling Post Office have really had to dig in the past few days as the Christmas mailing records of past years were "knocked into a cocked hat" by this year's rush at the stamp windows and canceling machine.

Last year's record, which was an all time high for the local post office, was hung up on December 19 as 7,753 separate cancellations of mail was made. Postmaster James McDonnell said. On December 18 of this year a total of 8,247 separate cancellations hung up the new record. In the five busiest days so far this season, over 36,000 pieces of mail have been cancelled. A total of upwards of 45,000 1/2 cent stamps have been sold. That's a lot of Christmas cards—no matter from what angles observed.

Miss Shirley Souders sang "Birthday of a King," and the orchestra played a medley of Christmas songs.

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- #### WHAT - WHERE - WHEN
- City Council meeting at City Hall on first Monday of every month, 7:30 P. M. Citizens invited.
  - American Legion Auxiliary 8:00 P. M. Legion Hall. 2nd Tuesday, business; 4th Tuesday, social.
  - Dec. 24—Wednesday at 8 P. M., Frederic Bible Church, the Christmas program.
  - Dec. 31—V. F. W. New Year's Eve Ball. High School gym. Music starts 9 P. M. Winter Sports Queen to be presented.
  - Jan. 8—Hospital Aid, Nurse's Home. Mrs. Robert Hayes and Mrs. Alfred Sorenson, as hostesses.
  - Jan. 7—Band committee meeting. Home Extension Group III meets third Monday of each month. January meeting at home of Mrs. Don Weaver.
  - Jan. 21—P. T. A. executive meeting.
  - Jan. 23—P. T. A. general meeting.

## Christmas 1947

EVERY Christmas season brings to us the recurring knowledge that mankind need not be destined for sorrow, dejection and strife. The spirit of Christmas captures us with its glory and teaches us that a lasting peace on earth is our highest goal.

If you will permit the publisher of this newspaper once wish at this Christmas time, let it be this: That the spirit of the Christmas star may be our perpetual guide and that we may meet our fellow men on the level of peace, trust and friendship. Not just until December 26, but for the rest of the year—for the rest of our lives.

It is in that spirit that this newspaper extends to all of you its hope for a truly

## MERRY CHRISTMAS



## WANT ADS

For Rent  
Lost or Found  
For Sale  
Wanted to Buy  
Miscellaneous

TELEPHONE 3111

RATES—Advertisements in this department cost 35 cents for 25 words or less for each insertion. For more than 25 words one cent a word for each insertion. Rates for display advertising in the classified columns on application. Orders by mail should be accompanied by cash or postage stamps. An extra charge of 10c will be made for blind ads and if it is necessary to bill for an advertisement that has been charged.

The Want Ad Department closes for each week's edition at 5:30 P. M. on Tuesday.

WRITE or call Clinton Typewriter Service for "Rebuilding - Repairing - Cleaning" Typewriters - Adding Machines - Calculators - Comptometers - Mimeographs - Cash Registers. Phone 879. 315 Vine Street, Traverse City.

WANTED—Good used cars. Pay top dollar. Burgess Motor Sales—next to Hayes Oil Co., on US-27. 6-26-47

FOR SALE—Cinder blocks. Immediate delivery. Build with these light weight, fireproof, insulated units. Paints beautifully. Real economical construction. Permanent beauty. Also cement blocks. Rogers City Cement Products, Rogers City. Phone 63. Sept. 18-47

Dr. A. E. Edgerton  
OPTOMETRIST

Offices over Gamble Store, Kalkaska

EYES EXAMINED and GLASSES FITTED

Office hours Wed., Fri., Sat. 1 to 5 P. M.  
Office closed during January  
Other Hours by Appointment

Phone 3541



With all the joys of the season to you:  
GOOD HEALTH,  
GOOD CHEER,  
and a MERRY CHRISTMAS

## NORTHSIDE GROCERY

Joe Lennert, Prop.

HANDSAW FILING—Any kind, also knives, axes, draw knives, planes, shears, chisels or anything you have to sharpen. Ed Bowen, 704 Ionia. Phone 4341. 7-24-47

WANTED—House wiring work. For estimates call Kalkaska 3484 or write Paul Dunlap, Kalkaska. Oct. 2-47

FOR SALE—Four large lots. Opposite ball park. See Glen Day. Phone 2561. Oct. 30-47

SADDLE HORSES, work horses and ponies for sale or exchange, also feeder cattle and dairy cows. South Branch Ranch, Roscommon. Jess H. Underwood, Mgr. 11-27-47

FOR SALE—250 pound capacity deep freeze, slightly used. J. Richards, first house west of Down River Gas Station on M-72. 4-11-18-23

WANTED—Bulldozer work. Jack Millikin. Phone 3771. Aug. 14-47

FOR SALE—Apples, Northern Spys. \$2 bushel. John Londak, Lake City, Mich. 11-18-25

FOR SALE—New 4-room and bath home with garage attached. Rustic siding, modern and insulated. On old M-93, one mile from Grayling. Call Northern Specialties Co. Phone 2972 or 4183. 12-18-47

XMAS PRESENTS—Purebred Cocker Spaniel puppies for sale. Red or buff. Born November 5. 604 Maple St., or phone 2351. 18-25

LOG SIDING—Cedar, tongued and grooved, surfaced four sides. New style construction eliminates studding and leaves inside wall finished in knotty cedar. Positively the quickest and cheapest way to build. Limited quantity. Order early. Also prices on complete materials. Submit plan. John D. Steel, Box 256, Cedarville, Mich. 18-25

DEALER WANTED—In adjoining county, 200 farm home necessities—medicines, vitamins, spices, foods, DDT, etc., well known in every county. For particulars write Rawleigh's, Dept. MCL-208-142, Freeport, Ill. 25-1

HELP WANTED—For full time sales position. Job will be permanent and offers chance for advancement. No previous sales experience necessary. Apply at Grayling 5c to \$1.00 Store. 25-1

## NOTICE

Due to increases in our operating cost we are forced to increase the wholesale and retail prices of milk one cent per quart. This increase will take effect January 1, 1948. Cream prices will remain the same.

## HUNTER'S AUSABLE DAIRY

FOR SALE—Girl's figure skates, size 3. Mrs. Holger Peterson. G. Laundry. Phone 2501. 25

PROTECT your good blankets from moths for 25c a year. One spraying of Berolou stops moth damage for 5 years or Berolou pays for the damage. Mac's Drug Store. 25

WANTED—Block layers at Camp Grayling. Apply Phone 4491. Fred W. Coverdill. 25

COMBINATION bottle gas and wood or coal range for sale. Ivory enamel. \$50. Down River Pines, Corner M-72 and Satphan Rd. 25

FOR SALE—Boys skates, size 3. Mrs. Wesley Kumpula, 505 Maple City. 25

FOR SALE—Browning automatic shotgun, 12 gauge, \$60.00. Excellent condition. Johnson Oil Co. Phone 3991. 25

USED ELECTRIC RANGE For Sale—In good condition. Mrs. Fred Lamm. Phone 3826. 25

FOR SALE—1 pair 6 ft. skis with harness and ski shoes. Can be had together or separately. Howard Babbitt. Phone 4112. 25

FOR SALE—Willis Jeep Station Wagon. Heater installed. Good as new. Don Weaver, 809 Michigan. Phone 3396. 25

FOR SALE—Northern bred "Alaskan" Strain chicks. U. S. certified White Leghorns, U. S. approved Barred Rocks, White Rocks, New Hampshire Reds. Fullorum Controlled. 21 years trapnest breeding of Barred Rocks and White Leghorns. U. S. R. O. P. breeding farm. Hatchery within reasonable driving distance to avoid chilling or overheating of chicks. "Alaskan" Strain chicks come from large type individually selected breeders to insure big healthy birds that add to your profits for eggs or meat. First or special quality chicks at reasonable prices. Pay us a visit or write for price list. Sterling Poultry Farm and Hatchery, Sterling Mich. 12-25-47

WOOD FOR SALE—14" oak, delivered in 4 cord lots, \$6 cord. 24" wood, \$8 cord in 3 cord lots. Joe Mallinger, Roscommon, Route 1. 25-1

## Frederic News

Mrs. Alice Bonner of Detroit was called here by the illness of her father, Arthur Fox, who is in Grayling Hospital.

Mrs. Harry Horton left Monday to spend Christmas with Mr. Horton in Detroit.

Mrs. Lulu Flagg is spending some time in Detroit visiting her son, Lewis Butler and family. The Guy Kelloggs of Saginaw will spend Christmas with her parents, the A. D. Lengs.

Mrs. Alva Hunt is back from a vacation in Detroit.

Leo Pratt arrived Wednesday afternoon from Veterans Hospital in Dearborn, much improved in health.

Mr. and Mrs. Orville Cox were up from Walled Lake, Saturday. Elroy Barber of Collins Center, N. Y., will arrive Wednesday for Christmas with his family.

Duke, the beautiful Great Dane dog of Lyle Dunkley's has been missing for almost a week. Fear is he has been killed. He is missed greatly by people here who liked him very much.

## Grayling Bowling League

Men's Division			W. L. TP.
Ausable Inn	35	13	35
Green's Tavern	34	14	34
Bill's Shoes	34	14	34
Hanson's Chevrolet	32	16	32
Grayling Restaurant	32	16	32
Tufts Texaco	26	22	26
Wade's Cabin Court	23	25	23
Bear Archery	23	25	23
Ron's Hardware	22	26	22
Ausable Hotel	22	26	22
Little George's	21	27	21
Ausable Cowboys	21	27	21
Alto's Lager	19	29	19
Plaza Grill	18	30	18
Bert's Mobilgas	11	37	11
Clough Realty	11	37	11

Al Cherven, league secretary, who bowls with Green's Tavern, captured both the high single and

high series for the week with a 224 and 578. He still leads the average list of the league also with an average of slightly over 178.

Luckstead of Bear Archery hit a 213, Jack Wade a 210, Bartenfelder of Green's bowling for an average of 209 and Matt Bidvia of Ron's Hardware an even 200. Marion Burch of Hanson's hit a 545 series and Charley Long of the Grayling Restaurant squad was a pin behind with a 544.

Doc Martzowka holds second spot



TO GREET YOU AT Christmas

If we could—

we would say "Merry

Christmas" to each of you

personally. Since we can't,

the next best thing is to

put our greetings in print.

## DAWSON'S



May this Christmas bring happiness as true, as that we have known in our relations with you!

## TINY'S Beauty Shop



\* No matter what the language the spirit of Christmas is the same everywhere... in France, in Holland, in Sweden... and in the good old U. S. A. As you celebrate this joyous season in spiritual companionship with people of good will all over the world, it is our hope that this Christmas of 1947 will be the merriest you have ever enjoyed.

COFFEE SHOP  
HAROLD LONG

John's Grocery  
John Solosky, Prop.

## Letters To The Editor

Dear Editor:

It seems there is some misunderstanding among the electricity users in the City of Grayling, as to who will come under the classification of Full Domestic Service. Any residence or apartment customer, City or Rural, using electricity for domestic purposes and using an electric range of not less than 5 K.W., rating will come under the rates of "Full Domestic Service" and will also be able to use a hot-water heater on the 2c rate but an electric customer not having an electric range of this rating and having a hot water heater does not come under this classification.

NOTICE—Residents of the City of Grayling should be very particular about parking their cars in driveways instead of the street right of way due to the fact that when the City snow plows are plowing the streets the snow flurries prevent the operator of the plow from having good clear vision at all times and so are very liable to hit a car that is parked in the street. In the event of an accident of this type the owner of the car is responsible for the accident as a public street or highway is for travel use only and not a place to park. If this practice continues it will be necessary for the Police Department to ticket all offenders.

Max Davenport,  
City Manager.

December 13, 1947.

Veterans Hospital,  
Dearborn, Mich.

Dear Friends:

I know of no better way to thank the public of Grayling for what they did for me, than through your town paper, the Avalanche. I am in receipt of a check for \$125, proceeds of your basketball game given in my honor last week.

Special thanks are due Spike's Keggers, Alpena St. Bernard, The Legion and my loyal pals, the Grayling Fire Department. Although I am not able to write each one of you and thank you, I want every one in Grayling who donated to this fund to know how deeply I appreciate it and what it means to a fellow to know he has friends like you.

I hope before very long to be back among you, maybe not in very good shape, but back any way. Again thanking the Grayling public, I am sincerely,

An Old Time Fireman,  
Neal Mathews.

Dear Editor:

Judging by the number of inquiries and enthusiasm of pre-season visitors at Skyline, Crawford County will start this year to be "skiing" as well as the Winter Sports center of Michigan.

Those who have already inspected Skyline have been extremely well pleased with the extension, improvements and increased facilities made this Summer. Nearly all of them have expressed their appreciation that more improvements were made possible by the support Grayling business people have given by taking life memberships in Skyline Ski Club. There is no doubt that such support will be repaid many times by the number of skiers who will head for Grayling at every opportunity this season.

Through advertising and the skier's grape vine, word is rapidly spreading that Grayling's Skyline is the place to go for skiing.

The list of Grayling businesses and individuals who have helped with their moral and financial support to make Grayling the skiing center of Michigan is now on display in the Avalanche window and will be moved to other Grayling business place windows for a time and will later be conspicuously displayed in Skyline Club

House. Any others who wish to join this club may leave their names and addresses at the Avalanche office, who will see that they are forwarded to us.

Ralph Morse,  
Skyline Ski Club,  
Grayling.



EVERYBODY

WE ARE THE WORLD'S MOST INVENTIVE RACE—AND YET WE HAVEN'T FOUND A NEW WAY OF SAYING "MERRY CHRISTMAS." MAYBE IT'S JUST AS WELL!

IN ANY EVENT, WE CAN PHRASE NO BETTER MESSAGE FOR THIS JOYOUS SEASON THAN THAT ANCIENT WISH.

## HUNTER'S AUSABLE DAIRY

Leslie Hunter, Owner

## CHRISTMAS remembrance



It would be difficult, indeed,

to forget our friends, particularly at Christmas.

We want you to know how close we feel to all of you, and how sincerely

we wish for each of you the choicest

blessings of Yuletide.

## AUSABLE RESTAURANT

## WERT'S

LONE PINE INN

Says it isn't always stylish to be old fashioned, but there are times when it's genuine—and Christmas is one of them. Yes, folks they wish you, one and all, a genuine

## MERRY CHRISTMAS

## CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

AND THANKS

Christmas is a time when old loyalties are not only strengthened, but remembered. We want you to know how much we appreciate your confidence in us and how earnestly we wish for you a very joyous

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY

## BURGESS MOTOR SALES

Wes Burgess



WE WISH YOU AT CHRISTMAS

MANY HAPPY HOURS

AND TRUST

WE MAY SERVE YOU

IN THE FUTURE.

## NORTHERN SPECIALTIES COMPANY

## TO OUR Many Friends

Glad thoughts and special wishes are happily combined to make this Christmas greeting the warmest kind.

COFFEE SHOP  
HAROLD LONG

## JOYOUS YULETIDE

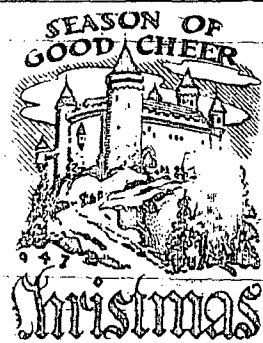
Here's, wishing that the light of the season's cheer will glow through all you do adding greatly to your Christmas happiness.

## BOGER'S BARBER SHOP

## MERRY CHRISTMAS!

and HAPPY NEW YEAR

## HORSE SHOE LAKE INN



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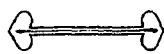
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## At this Joyous Season of Good Cheer



When business cares are overshadowed by good fellowship and kind thoughts, we sincerely wish you an Old-fashioned Yuletide abounding with Happiness, and express our gratitude to advertisers both local and national, and to our correspondents and readers for their cooperation which has made the past year one pleasant to remember.

### The Editor and Avalanche Staff



Program for December 25 to December 31

Thursday  
December 25  
Christmas Matinee, Continuous  
From 2 P. M.

**"The Unfinished Dance"**  
—Starring—  
Margaret O'Brien and  
Cyd Charisse

Cartoon

This Is America

**"Springtime in the Sierras"**  
—Starring—  
Roy Rogers—Jane Frazee

Friday &amp; Saturday

2 SMASH HITS!

**"Keeper of the Bees"**  
—Starring—  
Michael Duane and  
Gloria Henry

Cartoon

World News

Sunday &amp; Monday

**"It Had To Be You"**  
—Starring—  
Ginger Rogers and  
Cornel Wilde

Cartoon

Sportool

Lute News

Tues. and Wed.  
(Eves. Only)

**"Brute Force"**  
—Starring—  
Burt Lancaster and  
Yvonne DeCarlo

Cartoon

Novelty

Comedy

Program Subject To Change

## THE AMERICAN WAY



### Interesting Events In Grayling 23 Years Ago

INTERESTING ITEMS OF NEWS GATHERED FROM THE FILES OF THE AVALANCHE OF 23 YEARS AGO

December 25, 1924

Miss Ruth Ryan of Petoskey is a guest of her sister, Mrs. A. J. Joseph and family.

Among those home from schools to spend the holidays with their parents are Eleanor Schumann, Beulah Colleen, Ruth McCullough, Fred Edwards, Rosemary Mahoney and Herman Hanson.

Moscow — George Tchitcherine, the Soviet minister of foreign affairs, December 17, sent a caustic note to Secretary of State Hughes at Washington, complaining that the United States Coast Guard vessel Bear, in 1920 had committed an act which constituted a gross violation of international law and of the sovereignty of the Soviet Republic. The note added that a similar "lawless act" would be sternly repressed by the Soviet Government. The complaint of the Soviet Government was that the Bear had affixed a brass plate to a rock on the Chukotsk Peninsula in Emma Bay, Cape Pusino, in Siberia near Bering Straits bearing the inscription "United States Geodetic Magnetic Station." The plate, which was discovered by the Soviet authorities, bears the warning "For disturbing this plate \$250 fine or imprisonment."

Ernest and Lester Olson are home from Detroit to remain over the holidays.

Mrs. Martha McMasters is spending the holidays in Bay City visiting relatives.

Russell Robertson left Tuesday to visit over Christmas at the

home of his sister, Mrs. Arthur Anderson.

Elmer Fenton, who has been in Alma the past few months, returned to Grayling Saturday, expecting to remain here.

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Williams are enjoying a visit from their daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Bowen of Martin, Michigan, over the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Creque and children of Flint are expected to arrive Saturday to spend a few days visiting Mrs. Creque's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Rasmus Rasmussen.

A. B. Failing, who is employed at the T. E. Douglas store in Lovells left Sunday night for Dayton, Ohio to spend the holidays with his daughter, Miss Francilla Failing, who is attending school in that city and making her home with her aunt, Mrs. A. H. Weltz.

### 4th Canoe Race Essay

Editor's Note: — Following is the fourth essay in the Michigan Canoe Championship essay contest, sponsored by Harold "Spike" MacNeven of Grayling. It was written by Dean L. Harris of Clio, Mich., and earned him a \$5 prize.

We were cruising lazily along the teal blue waters of Cook Dam Pond, just absorbing that wonderful spring air and thinking about the past week. One whole week

filled to the brim with fishing, eating and camping.

Approaching Horse Shoe Island I ruddered our "old towne" toward the lumbermen's memorial, and guided her across the blue to an old weather-beaten boat landing. Once landed, we laboriously climbed the steep pathway to the monument and gazed upon those bronze lumbermen of yesteryear, who have forever turned their backs on the mighty AuSable. Their lips could have indeed told us of the wondrous beauty of the huge pine forests and wilderness of Northern Michigan.

Pondering over gone-by days, Duane and I stalked loudly into the small grocery store at the monument, our heavy boots seemed to lay down the law of two determined grub buyers. The chubby storekeeper asked, "you boys come down the river?" We informed him that we had and were making our camp near by, so as we could be easily picked up by our dads tomorrow. "How about some beans?" They'll keep you lads warm tonight," commented the old boy, with a grin a mile wide. "You know, I've heard a few rumors of a great canoe race starting at Grayling and going clean through to Oscoda. Maybe you fellows will need some milk and bread for supper. I just got a fresh supply this very morning." We hastily bought the rest of our evening meal, while the storekeeper continued to chew the fat. Turning on our heels with the provisions, we thanked the clerk for his personalized service, and stalked back to the canoe.

We made camp some what down stream, and proceeded to have our supper. The beans did taste delicious but they didn't keep me warm that night. The idea of racing practically the entire length of the AuSable kept me awake a large portion of the night, listening to the cool wind whistling through the pine needles.

A few months later I was probing the sports column, when I saw, "AuSable River to have Canoe Championship Race." Excitedly reading the details over two or three times, grabbing my hat, I dashed over to my buddies home. We were both all for entering the contest.

The following Saturday we were at Grayling making out the required entry blank, and asking more questions than a couple of two year old kids. With all this new information we laid our plans for the running and completion of the marathon.

One short week, that's all the time there was left to have everything ready. The most important thing was naturally the canoe. I worked hard and far into the night hours getting her in tip-top shape. Four coats of polished wax were applied as a protective covering. The mounting of an electric lantern without injuring the woodwork was another must. Air cushions were bought to serve their obvious purpose, and one extra paddle, just in case. A few odds and ends were made ready as the week passed and eventually came to a close.

On September the 6th, before the early rays of dawn, we were on our way to take part in the canoe championship of Michigan. Duane having worked that night had only three hours of sleep. My eyes were heavy, too, for the thought of the race kept me awake throughout the night. We were two very tired boys when we pulled into Ray's place, and there was a very long ways to go yet. As the morning spent itself, the fleet of "birch barks," grew decidedly larger. Crowds of people began to mill around the trim canoes. Officials hurried back and forth, painting numbers on the slick craft, and attending to all the details in general.

Around noon all canoeists met at the hotel for lunch and to be instructed by race officials. The food looked good, but all I could do pick a little for my gizzard was in knots from excitement. After eating, a last minute explanation of the rules was given, and starting positions were drawn. Thirty-three was the number I drew from the hat. Both Duane and I were well satisfied with our running position for we didn't feel like setting the pace. We marched somewhat out of step back to the starting line. Canoes were placed in numerical order, a few short minutes before the start of the race. All the contestants were eagerly standing by ready for the zero hour.

At 2 o'clock the first cannonst were off. We dropped our canoe (Continued on Page 10)



"I SEE BY THE AVALANCHE," SAYS SANTA, THAT

BILL'S SHOES

IS WISHING EVERYONE

A VERY  
MERRY CHRISTMAS

OUR SINCERE  
WISH IS THAT  
SANTA'S PLANS  
INCLUDE A

VERY

MERRY CHRISTMAS  
FOR YOU!

KENNEDY FLOWER SHOP



Christmas  
PEACE  
ON EARTH

While angels  
hovered overhead,  
the Star of Bethlehem guided  
the Three Wise Men  
to the Manger at Bethlehem.  
We cannot offer you their gifts  
of gold, frankincense and myrrh.  
Our gift must be restricted  
to the old, but heartfelt wish  
for all the joys and blessings  
of the Yuletide season.

PARSONS AND LAMM



JUST A FRIENDLY WAY  
OF EXPRESSING  
TO YOU OUR MOST  
SINCERE GOOD WISHES  
FOR A HAPPY CHRISTMAS  
AND THAT IT  
MAY BE  
AN ESPECIALLY JOYOUS  
ONE FOR YOU.

THE GRAYLING AGENCY

Automobile and Fire Insurance

John Bruun, Owner

Olga Nielson, Secretary



"MERRY  
CHRISTMAS"  
TO YOU

Is the Hit Song of the  
Season.

GREETINGS FROM

CALLAHAN'S  
Service Station



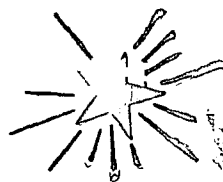
A MERRY CHRISTMAS

WE KNOW OF NO BETTER  
TIME THAN CHRISTMAS TO  
GIVE RECOGNITION TO OUR  
MANY FRIENDS WHO HAVE  
CONTRIBUTED SO GREATLY  
TO OUR SUCCESS DURING  
THE PAST YEAR.  
FROM ALL OF US ONCE MORE  
TO YOU, WHETHER YOU ARE  
OUR CUSTOMER OR NOT...

A MERRY CHRISTMAS

CHARLES W. MOSHIER  
Coal and Coke





We wish our many friends a very happy holiday season, and a successful new year.

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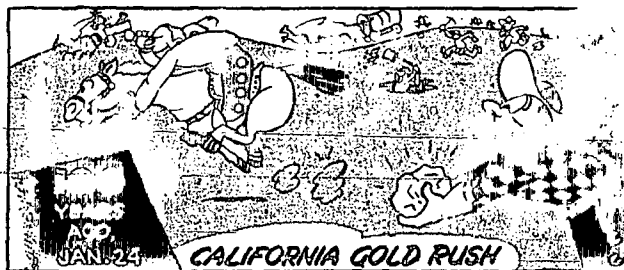
# 1948

## anniversary year

DO ANNIVERSARIES make history or does history make anniversaries? That question could be debated at length without arriving at any conclusion except this:

Everyone, deep in his own mind, is intensely anniversary-conscious. The infant has his initial experience with the anniversary idea when he focuses his eyes on the candle on his first birthday cake. As he grows older he becomes aware of other anniversaries—of the births and deaths of great men, of battles and wars, of scientific milestones, of periods of national and world progress. Every day in every year is an anniversary to someone, in one way or another.

Like all years, 1948 will have its quota of anniversaries. Gleaned from the files of the past are these events which left their imprint on history:



ONCE AGAIN—

## MERRY CHRISTMAS

May countless blessings bring true joy to you and yours at Christmas Time.

WING AND SON  
GRAYLING



## Santa's at Your Service

WITH OUR MESSAGE FOR THE HOLIDAY SEASON

"Merry Christmas"

## Alfred Hanson

Chevrolet — Oldsmobile — Cadillac Sales and Service

## Season's Greetings...

AND A MERRY CHRISTMAS TO EVERY RESIDENT OF CRAWFORD COUNTY

IS THE WISH OF YOUR

CRAWFORD COUNTY OFFICIALS

RAY C. CLEMENT  
Judge of Probate

WILLIAM F. GOLNICK  
Sheriff

LEO E. LOVELY  
County Clerk

ROBERT F. NEAFIE  
Prosecuting Attorney

FRED NIEDERER  
Register of Deeds

JAMES POST  
County Treasurer



SANTA IS ON HIS WAY

Down your chimney,

bearing our wishes for.

A MERRY, MERRY CHRISTMAS FOR YOU AND YOURS.

## AUSABLE POTATO CHIP CO.

Matt Bidvia



Ho! Ho! for Christmas!

Merrily, merrily, jolly good friends, and a grand and glorious holiday to you all!

## TIMBERLANDS, INC.,

Clare Madsen, Mgr.

## SEASON'S GREETINGS

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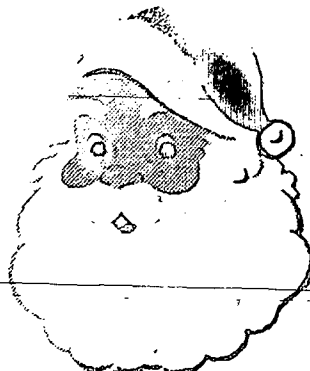
## VERY MERRIE

## CHRISTMAS, Says Santa

TO YOU FROM US AT

## AUSABLE SERVICE

Floyd Cole, Proprietor



PEACE  
ON EARTH  
GOOD WILL  
TO MEN ...



AS the light of Christmas again brightens our faces and lightens our hearts, we turn our thoughts from ourselves to help others. For this is the spirit that first saw the light of day in a stable at Bethlehem, two thousand years ago, and which has endured ever since.

May God bless and protect you and your dear ones and bring happiness to your home this Christmas season.

THE OFFICERS, DIRECTORS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE

## GRAYLING STATE SAVINGS BANK



### AT CHRISTMAS TIME

more than at any other season, people feel friendly. It's in the very air. In this spirit, then, we offer you our best wishes for a very Merry Christmas.

## Grayling Air Service

Clayton -- Bud -- Lowell



## TIME TO HANG UP YOUR STOCKING!

Whether it's Santa Claus, Kris Kringle or Father Christmas, let us hail the patron saint of children on this day of days.

Christmas is the season that, above all others, turns the thoughts of mankind back to the all-enveloping innocence of childhood—away from the pure selfishness and commercialism of the every-day world towards the joys of giving and sharing.

It is in that true spirit of Christmas that we wish for you all the blessings of this joyous season.

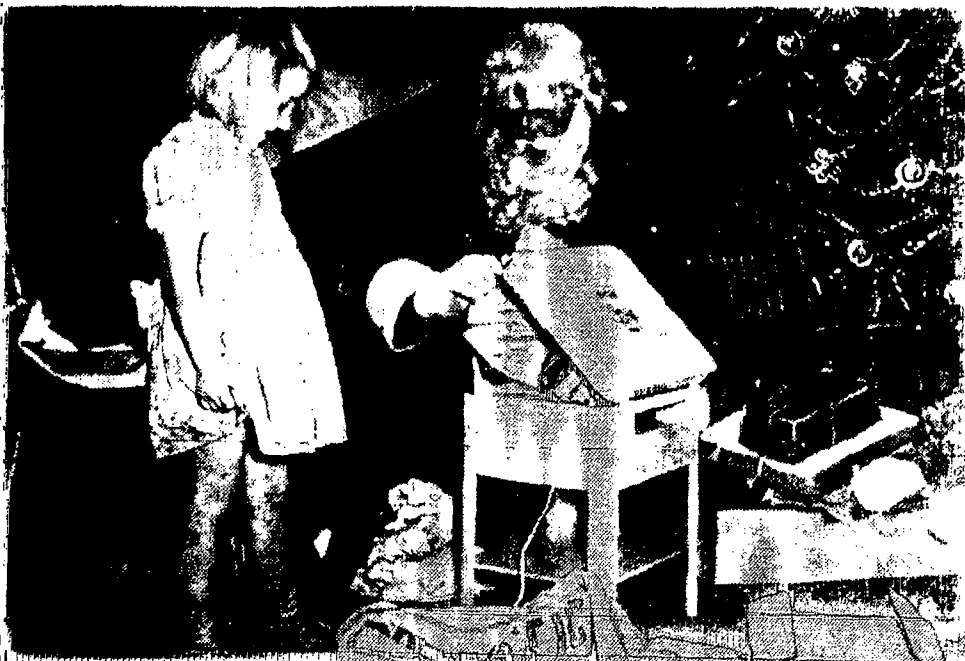
### DUKE'S HOTEL



○ Again gay carols ring out with their cheery message of holiday joy.

○ In the old, old spirit of Christmas, voices of the carolers echo the message of "... tidings of great joy." Thus, too, do we join the carolers in wishing for you the blessed gifts of Peace on Earth, Joy, Good Will to Men.

Shirlee Shoppe



**VISIT FROM ST. NICHOLAS** . . . Santa Claus (Carl A. Gebhard) paid an unexpected visit to five-year-old Peggy Bennett of Titusville, N. J., who is losing her eyesight. A tree all dressed up with Christmas decorations was the main feature of a party given the sick child when physicians said they feared Peggy would be blind by Christmas. She and Santa are looking over a toy record-player which Santa himself presented to her. Other gifts included lots and lots of dolls, clothing and more than \$300 in cash.



The old Cherry Tree carol, or the legend upon which it is based, is undoubtedly the reason for the custom of placing a branch of cherry tree in water to bud for Christmas time.

According to this legend, Mary and Joseph on their way to Bethlehem passed a tree loaded with cherries. Mary was hungry for some of the fruit and asked Joseph to pluck some cherries for her. The tree graciously bowed down so that Mary could pick the fruit herself.

It has been customary among the Czechs and Slovaks to take the

branch of a cherry tree and place it in water in the late fall so that the buds reach the blossoming stage at Christmas time.

The belief was current that if the sprig blossomed by Christmas Eve, the girl who tended it would marry during the New Year.

### Danger From Tree Fire Ever Present

Although the Christmas tree is one of the most picturesque Yuletide ornaments, it is also one of the most dangerous, with the threat of fire an ever present possibility.

Replacement of the candle by the electric light has removed some of the hazards formerly experienced, but danger still lurks from faulty connections or careless handling of bulbs and strings.

To minimize the fire hazard, the department of agriculture offers two pertinent suggestions: First, keep the tree well watered and, second, fireproof it with ammonium sulphate or calcium chloride.

To provide the tree with sufficient water, cut the butt on a slant at least an inch above the original cut. Keep the stem level above the slashed surface. In purchasing a tree, always look for one that has been felled recently so that the needles have not dried.

Fresh trees also are essential for flame-proofing. In using ammonium sulphate, a chemical content one-fourth the weight of the tree should be used. After dissolving one and a half pints of the ammonium in a pound of water, slash the stem of the tree and place it in the solution. Then, let the tree stand four to six days in the solution for complete absorption. Trees fireproofed in this manner will not be ignited by an electric spark.

### Ornament Making A Cottage Industry

Those colored glass ornaments that we hang on our Christmas trees used to come from Germany, Czechoslovakia and Poland. A small number were made in Japan. When the war cut off these supplies, American glass manufacturers, who had never bothered with these products before, turned part of their facilities over to making the pretty gewgaws. Mechanical methods were soon developed that could blow as many ornaments in an hour as a European glassblower could make in a month. Thus modern efficiency may doom this picturesque little industry, carried on in the mountainous towns of eastern Europe.

Ornament making is a typical "cottage industry" in the little villages that cling to the steep mountainsides. Families specialize in certain shapes and designs, patterns that may date back for hundreds of years unchanged. The father, using a bunsen burner, carefully blows the thin glass tubing to the desired shape, with the aid of an iron mold. His son acting as mold boy, removes the hot ornament to a cooling table. Next the mother silvers the inside, and finally the daughter applies paint and perhaps decorative designs.

### Alms Giving Custom A Christmas Charity

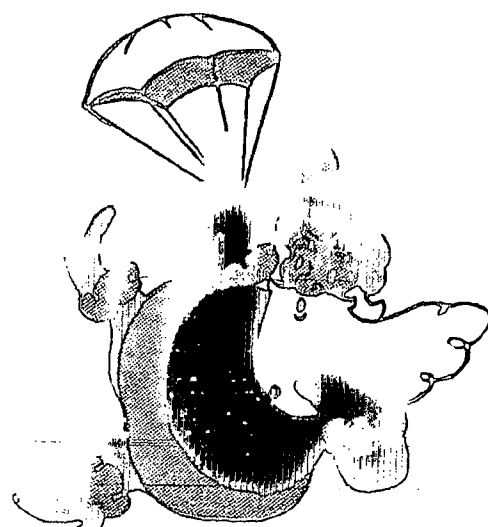
Giving alms at Christmas originated in the belief that the Christ came sometimes to the door disguised as a beggar during the holiday season, and it was feared that he might be turned away unrecognized. There is an old legend that tells of the Christ child going from door to door on Christmas Eve in search of those who were kind, and deserving. His test was to plead for aid and often he was turned away from the door. This story led to alms giving on Christmas Eve and it was rare that a beggar was refused.



And when the day is gone  
Our wishes for our friends  
Continue on and on and on!

OLSON'S BARBER SHOP

### A Special Trip For Saint Nicholas



Santa is making a special trip this year, and he's coming direct to your home laden with Merry Christmas wishes from us to you.

**WILLIAM C. TUFTS**  
TEXACO AND FIRESTONE PRODUCTS



"PEACE ON EARTH, GOOD WILL TO MEN"

AT THIS SEASON OF THE YEAR THE KINDNESSES AND THOUGHTFULNESS OF OUR FELLOWMAN COME STRONGLY TO MIND. WE WISH

EVERYONE A VERY

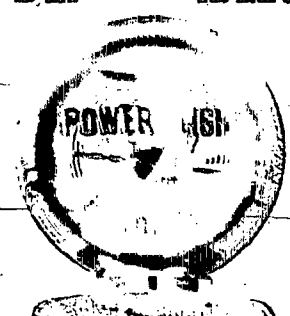
MERRY CHRISTMAS  
SORENSEN FUNERAL HOME



MAY THE CHRISTMAS STAR SHINE ON A PEACEFUL WORLD FOR YOU AND YOURS, IS THE WISH OF

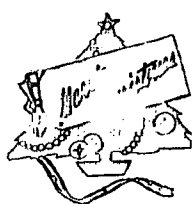
OF ALL OF US AT

DEP...ABLE!



MAG'S DRUG STORE





## Music and Song and Happiness Everywhere!

Lighted windows, green trees brilliant with glowing bulbs, all contributing to the grand sum total of Christmas.

It's fine to celebrate Christmas again this season of 1947, fine to have finished another year in this community of happy homes and friendly people.

To Each and All We Wish

## A Very Merry Christmas

FAILING BEVERAGE Distributors

ROLLA FAILING



**ROVER WAITS FOR CHRISTMAS** . . . He knows that Santa is not going to fall him, and that before long the genial saint will drop down the chimney and leave presents for all good boys, girls and dogs.

## Treating Trees To Preserve Needles

Dropping needles or leaves of Christmas trees, which strip the trees of color and litter the floor, long have been a Yuletide bane. Therefore, the discovery of the New York State College of Forestry that waterglass spray will prevent the spruce leaves from falling comes as welcome news to family and housewife alike.

Besides preserving the foliage, the waterglass spray adds to the decorative effect of the spruce by leaving a slight silver sheen to the green of the needle-like leaves. The waterglass also has been found to be a good fire retardant.

The college found that the shedding of spruce leaves also can be retarded by placing the base of the tree in a bucket of moist earth, peat moss or water. Users have reported the success of this treatment.

## Our Most Famous Christmas Trees

Most famous of the nation's Christmas trees are growing on the wooded rolling acres of the Roosevelt estate at Hyde Park, N. Y. Developed as a result of a hobby which occupied much of the late Pres. Franklin D. Roosevelt's spare time, the groves of Yule trees now are scattered on odd patches and parcels of land throughout the estate.

The trees, about 270,000 in number, are principally of Norway spruce, white spruce and Douglas fir, with a few balsams also in-

Among the tree growing was a hobby with the late president, he insisted that the project pay its own way. Consequently about 2,000 to 3,000 trees are marketed every Christmas season.



Neat Bethlehem did shepherds keep Their flocks of lambs and feeding sheep; To whom God's angels did appear. Which put the shepherds in great fear.

"Prepare and greet the angels said, 'To Bethlehem, be not afraid; For there you find this happy morn, A princely babe, sweet Jesus born."



## Quaint Swiss Custom Of Meeting Lover

Forecasting is ritualized in Switzerland. Grandma goes to the cellar, selects the most perfect onion, halves it, and peels 12 layers, one for each month. The next day these layers show what the weather will be during the coming year.

The daughter of the house goes about town at midnight, to drink from nine different fountains. Then she goes to church. She expects to meet her unknown lover on the church steps.



## MERRY CHRISTMAS

Says Santa, as he reads our  
YULETIDE  
GREETING  
To Each and  
Every One  
Of You.

CORWIN  
AUTO SALES

## Christmas Rose Has Real Significance

Legend tells us that a young shepherd girl was weeping bitterly as she watched the Wise Men on their way to the stable to the infant Jesus.



An angel appeared, and after ascertaining why the young girl was crying, she waved her wand, and instantly the ground was carpeted with glittering white Christmas roses. The young girl quickly gathered these blooms. When she presented her gift, the Christ Child smiled, and as his fingers touched the white flowers the petals became tinged with pink.

## Heigh- Ho, Friends!



Years may come and years may go but Santa Claus is with us forever. He's coming again this year, with a full pack. So sweep out your chimney and get ready for the jolly visitor, who has had special orders from us to bless your home with a very Merry Christmas.

PALMER  
INSURANCE  
AGENCY

## Christmas Remains Changeless . . .

AS DO OUR WISHES FOR A  
HAPPY HOLIDAY  
SEASON  
FOR ALL



BRUGMAN PORTRAIT STUDIO



It isn't always stylish to be old fashioned, but there are times when it's very genuine — and Christmas is one of them. Yes, folks, we wish you an old fashioned Christmas this year . . . the best one of them all.

McEVERS MOTOR SALES

Buick Sales and Service



ANOTHER YEAR has passed. Again glad bells are pealing out the Christmas story. Happy children and parents are planning for the day in the glorious old-fashioned way. Everyone is thrilled by the magic spell of Christmas for they know the spirit of the Christ Child is in the land.

While glad bells peal out, while children make merry, while carols are being sung and the Christmas story is being told and retold, we join in the joyous occasion by expressing best wishes for a

Merry Christmas  
to each and every one

Welsh Motor Sales

Phone 2401

Ford Sales and Service

500 Norway St.



## THE QUIET JOYS OF HOME AND FIRESIDE

... the family gathered around the heavily-laden table . . . turkey and dressing, mince and pumpkin pies . . . the Christmas tree with its tinsel . . . the toys beneath . . . May you enjoy these deep sweet pleasures this Christmas of 1947.

Art Clough  
Real Estate



Christmas! No vaunting phrases can truly carry the meaning of that word, no marching adjectives picture its fulfillment. Its being and expression must ever lie in the simple words of the prophets, in the unpretentious but meaningful phrases of the Men of Galilee:

"ON EARTH PEACE,  
GOOD WILL TO MEN."

OLSON'S



We Thank Each One of You For  
Your Patronage and Friendship  
and Extend Our Best Wishes For  
the Season.

RASMUSSEN LUMBER CO.

### Ukrainians Hold To Many Old Customs

Ukrainian churches, both Greek Orthodox and Uniate, cling to the ancient Julian calendar, so their Christmas Day comes 12 days later than ours, or on January 8. Christmas Eve is celebrated with much traditional ceremony and festivity.

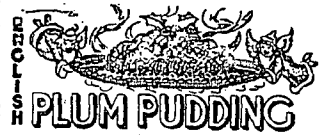
The Holy Supper or Swiata Wecera is very elaborate, consisting of 12 courses, in memory of the 12 apostles. Fish, baked, broiled and jelly, takes the place of meat. Borsch, or beet soup, is generally served and stuffed with some-



thing like the Italian ravioli, also is a usual course. Dessert consists of special pudding called kutya, made of wheat, poppy seeds and honey.

During the Christmas Eve supper, some member of every Ukrainian family throws a handful of kutya or pudding at the ceiling. If it sticks, the coming year will be a prosperous and happy one. After supper, a plate of braided bread, called kolach, is left on the table between two lighted candles. Legend says that the spirits of the family's dead will return at midnight to eat this bread.

The Ukrainian Christmas festival lasts three days. In the villages singers known as Kolyadnyky go from house to house singing the Kolyadky folksongs relating the birth of Christ and the events of his life. They usually carry a manger with them, and in some cases they perform miracle plays. They are rewarded by gifts of food or money.



### PLUM PUDDING

In the Book of Common Prayer of the Church of England, the prayer for the last Sunday before Advent began with the words "Stir up." The people of Peterborough took this to be a reminder that they should start their plum pudding at that time, and everybody in the family took a hand in the stirring until it was ready on Christmas.

This indispensable old-time English Christmas dish was turn-of-moment, or frummenty, which according to old-time recipes was "wheat boiled until the grains burst, then strained and boiled again with broth or milk and yolks of eggs." Frummenty was the forerunner to plum pudding.



One man — one of many — created a character who in child-like faith and all-embracing love will live through the centuries as the symbol of Christmas.

The man was Charles Dickens; his character was Tiny Tim. And in the words of Tiny Tim, oft-repeated, we'd like to say:

"A MERRY CHRISTMAS,  
GOD BLESS US EVERY ONE"

Shoppenagons Inn

### SEASON'S GREETINGS

Your Patronage During This Year  
Has Been Greatly Appreciated  
Merry Christmas To All!  
LITTLE GEORGE'S  
WAYSIDE INN



Santa's Trying To Think

OF A NEW WAY TO EXTEND  
OUR CHRISTMAS GREETINGS,  
BUT THE OLD—

MERRY  
CHRISTMAS

STILL DOES THE JOB

BARINGER'S  
MEN'S SHOP



Santa is at the throttle and good fellowship  
has the right of way. Full speed ahead for the

Merriest Christmas  
of them all!

Times have changed since we started business in this community many years ago, and we have seen a great many changes. But one thing always remains the same. We continue to serve in the best possible manner the very best people it is possible to serve. We could ask for no finer list of customers, no better group of friends.

And to all of you our entire organization wishes loads  
of good cheer and a genuine old-fashioned merry Christmas!

GRAYLING MERCANTILE COMPANY

OLD MR. BOSTON SAYS:

### Rocking Chair Tastes Smooth as Whiskies 'Rocked' in the Keg!

When clipper ships "rounded the Horn" bound for the Orient, barrels of whiskey were stowed aboard... the rolling motion of the waves gave it a deeper finer flavor!

Skippers learned to achieve that same ease-perfection by rocking kegs beneath the rocking chair!

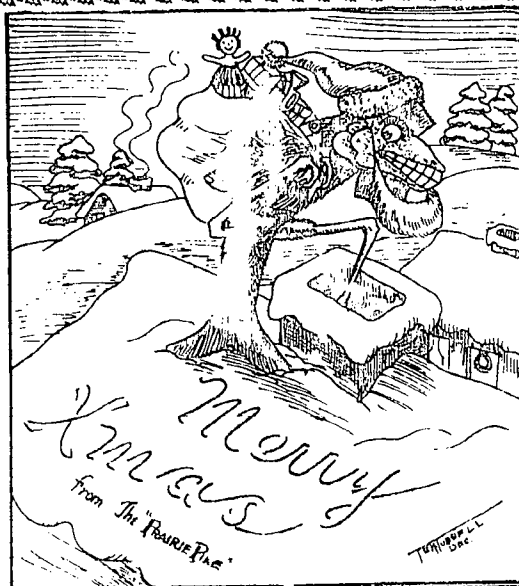
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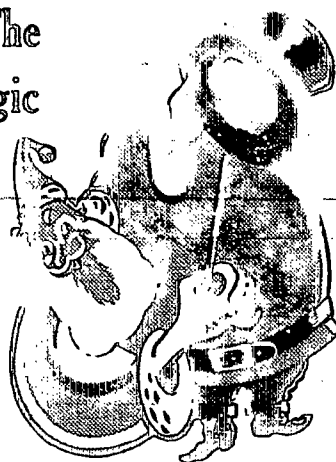




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Same Old Magic

In The  
Words—  
VERY  
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**CHRISTMAS And BEST  
WISHES OF THE SEASON.**

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WE WANTED  
SANTA TO NAIL  
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YOU — BUT  
YOU KNOW HOW

BUSY HE IS THESE DAYS.

ACCEPT OUR BEST WISHES FOR  
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## Christmas With the Pioneers Held Deep Religious Meaning

CHRISTMAS on the frontier, as new bands of pioneers pushed ever westward to carve an empire out of virgin plains and wildernesses, was in marked contrast to the present holiday.

There was more meaning then in the words of The Book concerning shepherds in a certain country watching their flocks by night. The solitudes, the closeness of the stars, the virginity of the new world and its humble people made one feel that time had stood still. Christmas in those days somehow seemed much closer to that first Christmas.

Those bleak plains could be the ones the Wise Men crossed, this the Night and yon sleeping village, Bethlehem. The faith of the trail breakers was that of the Wise Men.

On Christmas Eve the pioneer folks would gather in a crude little schoolhouse where chil-

ren would receive a slate pencil or a shell-box, a little affair covered with shells and containing a small mirror, were the special favorites of Santa.

For goodies, no Christmas was complete without its pans of popcorn and ropes of molasses taffy. In rare cases there might be a bag of candy.

In the isolated cabins it wasn't so easy to gather with one's neighbors to celebrate. There were wolves in the timber and being caught in a sudden storm on the pioneer trails spelled death.

Christmas in some places meant a lonely ride or



songs about the birth of the Christ Child. Santa would hand out mosquito-bar sacks of candy, a golden orange or an apple to each one, and childhood rapture would make that meager offering truly a gift of gold and frankincense.

HOME-MADE sleds and sleighs skimmed over the snowy countryside with sleigh bells jingling accompaniment to the carolling of "Jingle Bells, Jingle Bells."

Except in the forest regions, few children enjoyed the sight of a Christmas tree. But always they hung up their stockings, an old custom of their forefathers.

It was a lucky boy who awoke Christmas morning to find a new jack-knife in his stocking; a lucky girl who received a string of beads

dance, often followed by a turkey dinner costing 25 cents.

Gifts, if any, generally were in the form of utilitarian mittens, mufflers or home-made boots. For the women there might be a piece of intricate handwork to which some enterprising friend had devoted her spare time for months.

Throughout the holiday season a candle burned in the attic window, guiding late-faring travelers to shelter—the Star of Bethlehem on the frontier.

But without these hardy folks had as much fun as their great-grandsons and daughters who again this year will celebrate by exchanging elaborate gifts, dancing to name bands, feasting with no worries that tomorrow there may be nothing in the electric refrigerator.

It was useful to witches. It was placed on doors and windows to keep out evil spirits.

## Reduce Christmas Hazards With Care

To avoid tragic Christmas accidents in the home, the Fire Protection Institute issues these precautionary tips:

—Use a flame-proof compound to spray wreaths and other pine decorations.

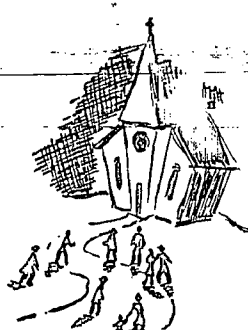
—Use materials marked flame-proof for tree trimmings and home decorations if they are obtainable.

—Inspect Christmas tree lights, and repair frayed wires or loose sockets.

—Never leave Christmas lights burning unless someone is around.

—Never unwrap gifts near an open fire or flickering flame. Dispose of paper and other inflammable wrappings immediately.

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"TIDING OF JOY"

Once more we celebrate the age-old tradition of Christmas. Short though the days and long the nights, the glowing background of Christmas makes all hearts happy.

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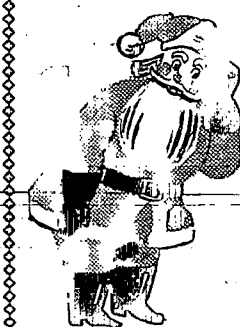
## Christmas Visit to The Seven Fountains

In 1540 when a plague was raging in Switzerland, 12 pious men of Rheinfelden formed a brotherhood to pray for St. Sebastian's aid, and to nurse the sick and bury the dead. Pestilence in medieval times was ascribed to evil spirits in water, so the Brotherhood of St. Sebastian visited each of the town's seven fountains, praying and singing hymns at each stop. They still continue this custom, but only on Christmas Eve. For this ritual the 12 Brothers are dressed in black, with black silk top hats. At every fountain they gather around the lantern-bearer and sing a medieval song. The march begins at the Froschweide fountain, where the plague is supposed to have started three centuries ago. When they have passed the seventh, they enter the church for midnight mass, and ceremoniously place their lantern on the altar of St. Sebastian.



Legend has it that when Christ was born and Satan died, the bells in the churches were rung. At exactly midnight the tolling changed to a joyful peal, announcing the birth of the Christ.

In the dark chambers high above the turmoil and strife of human life, the Apostles of Peace, whose salutations were never so welcome as at the time of the great winter feasts of Christmas, so William Audin is in his traditions.



Season's  
Greetings  
To All

From The

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**CAFE**



TALLYHO!

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of the First Christmas  
gladden your hearts  
this  
Christmas season.

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**Of Course** you believe in Santy!...

But even if you don't right now, the chances are ten to one that at one time in your career—the short pants or long curls stage—there was no doubt in your mind that there was a Santa Claus. You not only believed in him but you were in awe of him!

Santa Claus was a short roly-poly gentleman habitually clad in red with flowing white beard. He drove through the world Christmas Eve in a heavily-laden sleigh drawn by eight dashing reindeer.

It's a beautiful old myth—as much a part of the joyous Christmas season as is our annual wish for a Merry Yuletide for you and yours!

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Old days, old times, old  
friends!

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WITH PEACE AND PROSPERITY, WE SHOULD ALL BE HAPPIER  
THAN EVER THIS YEAR. DURING THE CHRISTMAS SEASON,  
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JUST IN TIME . . . Youngsters all over America will sleep with one eye open on Christmas Eve—if they are lucky they might see Santa's feet as he hurries on his way. These youngsters arrived in time to hear, "Merry Christmas to all, and to all a goodnight."

Christmas Held  
Twice Yearly

If children instead of their parents were allowed to choose the family homestead, the tiny fishing village of Rodanthe, N. C., would become a metropolis overnight. Here's a place they celebrate two Christmases every year.

Santa Claus, his reindeer scampering over the sands of North Carolina's outer banks, makes his first stop in Rodanthe during his annual world tour on the night of December 24. Hardly have the children recovered from their oversupply of candy and wild duck when Santa returns in time for "Old Christmas," which for hundreds of years Rodantheans have celebrated on January 5. This time, however, it is accompanied by a menagerie of "Old Buck."

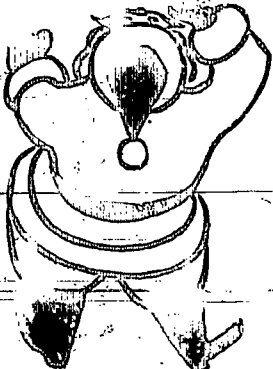


who takes care of the bad children while Santa administers to the good. The historical background of "Old Christmas" is uncertain. It may be a throwback to the Gregorian calendar or it may have started as a celebration of the Twelfth Night—when the wise men came to Bethlehem bearing gifts for the Christ child—that somehow got off schedule a day. Elsewhere the Twelfth Night is celebrated on January 6. But those celebrations are far different from Rodanthe's "Old Christmas," which only in recent years has been supplemented by the observance of December 25.

Abbreviation, Xmas  
Of Greek Origin

There has been much unfavorable comment on the abbreviated form for Christmas that is commonly used. Many think it inappropriate and undignified to use the shortened form, Xmas.

The explanation of its origin is that the initial letter of the Greek name for Christ is X and the coincidence of its cruciform shape led to an early adoption of this letter as the figure and symbol of Christ. X is frequently found on walls of the catacombs. When the early Christians wished to make a representation of the Trinity, they would place either a cross or an X beside the names of the Father and the Holy Ghost. From this came the shortened form Xmas, instead of Christmas.

"THE SEASON'S  
BEST FOR ALL"

Says Santa For The

GRAYLING  
AUTO SERVICEPlan Golden  
Gloves Bouts

Amateur fighters in many Northern Michigan communities have already started training for the annual Northern Michigan Golden Gloves tournament to be held at Boyne City during the last week of January.

Five cities, Petoskey, Cheboygan, Traverse City, Boyne City and Grayling will have teams entered while unattached fighters from

to you  
Merriest  
CHRISTMAS

In Colonial times Christmaside was the gayest and happiest season of the year . . . and so it is today. It is our sincere wish that during this Christmas of 1947 the warm, sweet joys of this blessed season may fill your hearts to overflowing.

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other communities will probably swell the entry list to near the 100 mark according to tournament chairman, Kise McCoy.

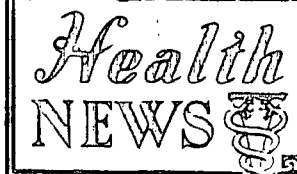
Elimination fights will be held Jan. 27 and 28 with the finals to be held the evening of January 30. Winners in the finals will be sent to the state tournament to be held at Grand Rapids with all expenses paid by Ernest Peterson Post, American Legion, sponsors of the annual fistic classic.

Contestants in communities not sponsoring teams may enter directly, by contacting Chairman McCoy, Boyne City, to receive their entry blanks. There will be both open and novice class fighting.



This custom originated with the Dutch. They used their wooden shoes instead of stockings.

When the Dutch came to New Amsterdam, this custom came with them—the wooden shoes being gradually replaced by stockings made for the occasion out of not-like materials. As nearly every home had a fireplace the usual place to hang the stockings was over the fireplace.



"Health News" is presented by your Doctor of Medicine as a health service of the Michigan State Medical Society

## Cancer, TB Work Progresses

The national campaign to combat tuberculosis with chest X-ray examinations is showing steady progress with latest reports indicating that approximately four out of every 10 adults have had a chest X-ray and about half that number within the last two years.

Value of these chest examinations is illustrated by the fact that chest X-ray examinations of 5,298 employees in a large midwestern manufacturing plant revealed 13 active cases of tuberculosis in persons who did not even suspect they had the disease. The examinations also uncovered conditions in 77 other persons that required further study to rule out the possibility of TB.

Cancer research was given another boost recently when the advisory council of the National Cancer Institute approved grants for cancer research totaling about \$180,000. The Council also approved \$172,000 in grants for cancer control work and \$171,000 for medical education. Funds for the grants will come from the \$14,000,000 appropriation for cancer research and control by the last Congress.

Encouraging news about the death rate from cancer for women has been reported. In the last ten years, the rate dropped from 90 in every 100,000 women to 80 in every 100,000. During the same period, cancer deaths also have decreased slightly among men.

Doctors believe that fewer women are dying of cancer today than ten years ago because as a general rule this disease can be discovered more easily in women. A second reason for the cancer death rate decrease, according to doctors, is that women are more aware of the importance of early diagnosis and treatment than men are.

Cancer detection clinics, the intensive cancer educational program now being conducted and recent developments and improvements in methods of cancer treatment are other possible explanations for the encouraging reduction in the death rate among women.

## Great Lakes

The Great Lakes have a combined area of about 60.9 million acres. All of the Great Lakes except Erie have depths of more than 700 feet.

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MERRY  
CHRISTMAS

TO ALL OUR FRIENDS

Styles change, methods change,  
but Christmas—never.

Beneath it all is the same old love of man for his folk and his neighbors, the same old dream of the day when peace and good will encompass all the earth.

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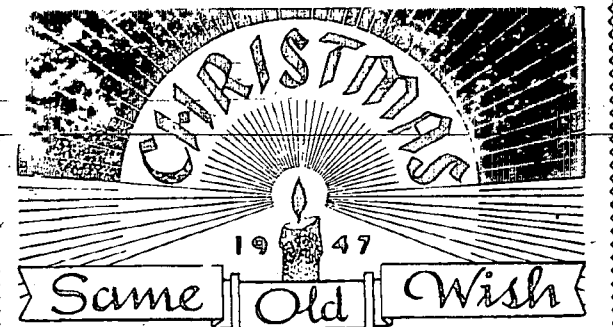
## Time To Be Happy!

Christmastide is the one time in the year when we should all be as happy as a boy with a bright new sled. So let's light up our faces and our hearts when we light up our trees, and here's wishing for you and your family the happiest Christmas you've ever had.

## GRAYLING RESTAURANT

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Frank Roth



Year after year we have been wishing our friends a Merry Christmas, each year hoping to make our message a little warmer, a little more personal.

It is with some such thought as this that we now add this "Merry Christmas" to the many that have gone before, with the hope that it will find you abundantly blessed with everything that the magic wand of Christmas can bestow.

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Now, when Santa Claus is so busy making children happy and dispensing cheer all over the world, we want to extend a warm and friendly greeting to our friends. Accept our very best wishes for a Christmas season of unalloyed joy and happiness.

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Looking Back Over The Year Recalls To  
Mind Our Greatest Source Of Pleasure Has  
Been Our Contact With Folks Like You.

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## SHORT STORIES

The Runaway  
Boy  
By  
SHIRLEY RAY

SOMEONE was coming down the stairs. The still and darkened house seemed to amplify each soft footfall to Rhoda who hoped the sound of her own breathing would not give her away.

Now the steps, still guarded and cautious, were in the hall, and then only a few feet from where she stood. There was the sound of a hand on the doorknob and the door swung open.

A small form slid past her. The door closed again and the sudden return of darkness stirred Rhoda into action. She grasped the knob and flung the door open.

"Where are you going, Jimmy?" she asked sharply.

The small boy stared at her from the bottom step. He lowered his eyes and scraped the toe of his shoe in the soft dirt.

"Going away," he mumbled.

"Come sit down, Jimmy," she said. "We may as well have a good-bye talk."

Jimmy sat next to her, his bundle in his lap.

"Now," said Rhoda, "where are you going?"

"Going to hitchhike to the city," His eyes met Rhoda's for the first time. "Pinky Duggan hitchhikes all over," he informed her.

"Pinky Duggan?" she repeated.

"You know Pinky's mother," Jimmy said.

"Oh, yes, I know," Rhoda replied. "Pinky lives in the city. He goes to the movies every night," Jimmy continued. "In this old town we have only one movie."

RHODA was thinking of saying exactly the same thing to Jimmy's father that Jimmy was now saying to her.

"There's nothing to do in this small town, Jim. We don't even have a choice of two movies."

His voice filled with enthusiasm, Jimmy went on.

"There are tall buildings and big electric signs that go on and off and double-deck buses—and everything in the city."

"I tell you, Jim, this poky town drives me crazy. I'm used to the city. I like the bright lights and the traffic and the noise!"

"Pinky says only jerks live in a town like this," Jimmy declared.

"I can feel the hayseed sticking out all over me. I saw Kay Duggan today—we used to work together in the city—and I realized what a bumpkin I am."

Rhoda sighed. "Yes, Jimmy, the city is nice." She felt helpless. She was this boy's mother. She should know what to say, what to do. But she was at a loss for words.

There was a long silence.

"Mom, Pop doesn't let me do anything."

"Jim, I'm not old. I want to go places, do things, get out of this rut," Jimmy reached into his pocket and brought forth two shiny cubes.



"I tell you, Jim, this poky town drives me crazy."

"Look, Mom. Pinky swapped 'em for my Boy Scout knife."

MAYBE it was the sudden chill in the breeze. Maybe it was the sight of the white dice in the small hand. Suddenly Rhoda did not feel helpless any more.

"Jimmy," she said, "I used to live in the city in an apartment, the same kind that Pinky Duggan lives in now. There are lots of families in one big building. You can't run through the house or turn the radio on loud or make any noise. You can't even have a dog, Jimmy."

His eyes were wide.

"No dogs, Jimmy. And you can't play ball in the streets because they're too full of cars."

"And no dog?" the boy repeated.

The two sat in silence. The night was bright but not cold. There was a half moon and a few scattered but bright stars. At last the little boy rose and started up the stairs.

"Still going to the city, Jimmy?"

"I guess not, Mom."

Rhoda sat for a long time. Then she got up and went into the house.

Her hand groped in the darkness until it grasped the handle of a suitcase. She was glad that Jimmy hadn't asked her why she was up, fully dressed, at this hour of the night.

CANOE RACE ESSAY

(Continued from Page 3)

in the water four minutes after two, and fifteen seconds later we were across the starting line, off to the greatest experience of our lives.

The pace we set was rather like that of a snail's crawl compared to the others. Most paddle pushers were busy creating white water in passing their opponents, while we glided easily along. Within the first hour I believe that we had dropped back to the rear end of the procession. We were using the first hours as a warm up, for Osceola was a long, long ways off.

It was one of those beautiful summer days with the sun shining brightly over head. The skies of heavenly blue seemed to match the sparkling waters of the AuSable. Forest green, trimmed bounding current as we directed our canoe down stream.

People along the way gave us our position according to their count, so we never did know how we stood. Perhaps their counts were off, but their cheers sure kept us on the move. We held our

pace and were beginning to move back up into more favorable positions, as other began to weaken. Dusk moved in slowly at first as we pushed on into the back waters of Mio Dam Pond. Camp Ten Bridge was a welcome sight for us, for we knew the dam wasn't far. We started to step up our pace, as did the other canoes. Making for our first portage, our craft hit a half submerged deadhead which nearly capsized us. We soon straightened ourselves around and kept paddling for those red flares. A few minutes later we pulled up along side the dam and it took all of our strength to lift the canoe from the water. As we started over our legs nearly gave out. We dropped the canoe two or three times. One has no idea how weak a guy get from a trip of that sort, unless he's one of the contestants.

Our first portage was completed and once again we were riding the current. The last quarter of the moon was shining and very much lessened the darkness. The pace was decidedly faster than before, and soon we were passing canoes that had first passed us. We were really on the ball. McKinley Bridge rolled by, and still we were making time. A soup fog set in and we had a rough time navigating. Still our little canoe kept clicking off the miles. Entering Alcona Dam Pond we slowed down to a slow creep and set off in the general direction of the dam. Another canoe followed us through the fog and when we sighted the glowing flares they passed us in nothing flat. Our knees played the same tricks on us as they did at the Mio Dam, but somehow we managed to repeat the process.

Once on the river again we took off like a big eagle. Other fellows were pretty well worn out as we pushed on by them. Most would try to keep ahead, but the pace was too great. We had practically come from the last canoe and had gained a place with the first fifteen. Our speed at night was fast but not fast enough to over take the leaders who were way out in front.

Day light came creeping over the horizon as we glided through the waters of Loud Dam. The extra food and small articles of no value were hastily tossed overboard to lighten our load. Spotters hailed us in at the far end of the dam near a mountainous pile of old deadhead. This was unquestionably the longest, the hardest portage of the marathon. How we ever had the strength to carry our canoe is incomprehensible.

We were nearly exhausted when we crossed at the Five Channels Dam. Instead of carrying the canoe, we slid it down the incline and into the water. Only two more of those strength killing portages remained. Half way through Cook Dam Pond we saw the Lum-

bermen's Monument on the horizon and we knew Osceola was not far. Paddling on we reached the dam and again we slid our craft down over the embankment and into the AuSable.

What seemed to be the longest stretch of the race was Foote Dam. We finally made it to the dam and crossed over. Both Duane and I nearly called it quits for we were just about on our last legs, so to speak. Even as dog tired as we were our 'old towns' went sailing by a small canoe thereby taking eleventh place.

The fellows were too exhausted to even pick up their paddles. We came into Osceola after fighting our way through a strong head wind, which formed large white caps.

We were called in at the back of Welcome Hotel. How well the place is named! The marathon was over for us. Our time was

23 hours and 56 minutes, practically one whole day on the river! Next year Duane and I will be in the race paddling at top speed all the way.

Deane L. Harris,  
Clio, Michigan.

## LEGAL NOTICES

STATE OF MICHIGAN  
In the Probate Court for the  
County of Crawford

In the Matter of the Estate of  
Margrethe Hanson, deceased.

At a session of said Court, held at the Probate Office in the City of Grayling, State of Michigan, this 5th day of December, A. D. 1947.

Present: Hon. Ray F. Clement, Judge of Probate.

Esbern Hanson and Second National Bank and Trust Company of Saginaw, Executors of said estate, having filed their first annual account as such executors and their petition praying that the same be allowed in the respects set forth in said petition;

It is Ordered, that Monday, the 5th day of January, A. D. 1948, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon of said day, at said Probate Office, is hereby appointed for the examination and allowance of said account and hearing said petition; and

It is Further Ordered, that a copy of this order be published once in each week for three successive weeks previous to said day of hearing in the Crawford Avalanche, a newspaper printed and circulated in said county of Crawford.

Ray F. Clement,  
Judge of Probate.

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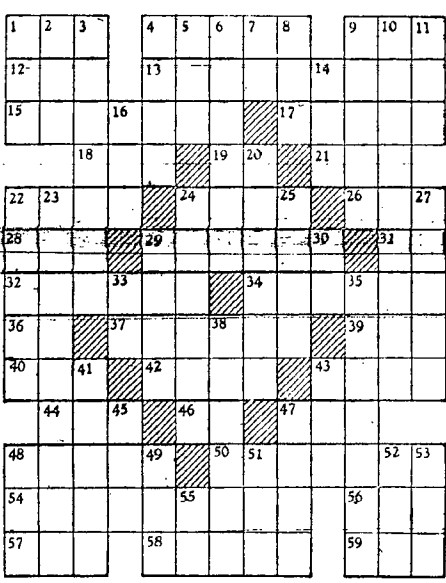
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- 26 Marked by duplicity
- 28 Constellation
- 29 Palm of the hand
- 31 Behold!
- 32 To vouch
- 34 Gross
- 36 Symbol for neon
- 37 Buddhist temple entrances
- 39 Noah's vessel
- 40 Isthmus in southeast Asia
- 42 Prima donna
- 43 Colloquial prohibitionists
- 44 By way of
- 46 Note of scale
- 47 Garland
- 48 Force with legal authority
- 50 Ophelia's brother
- 54 Noisily merry
- 56 Solemn wonder
- 57 Wrath
- 58 Enclosures for skating
- 59 Hindrance

### Vertical

- 1 Sprite
- 2 Exclamation used to startle
- 3 Weeps loudly
- 4 Easy gait
- 5 Camel's-hair garment
- 6 Neglected
- 7 Artificial language
- 8 Cutting tool
- 9 Drenches
- 10 Pertaining to a ward
- 11 Ibsen character
- 14 Pronoun
- 16 Suggestion
- 20 Tropical fruit
- 22 Thick board
- 23 Extra supply
- 24 Arab prince
- 25 Shallow domestic vessel (pl.)
- 27 Essences
- 28 Trampled
- 30 Japanese length measure
- 33 Low note
- 35 Pertaining to marriage

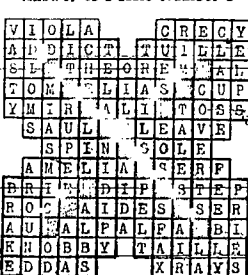
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### No. 10

- 38 King Arthur's resting place
- 43 Passage
- 45 German article
- 47 Not so much
- 48 Greek letter
- 49 To sin
- 51 Diving bird
- 52 Female sheep
- 53 To brood
- 55 Two

### Answer to Puzzle Number 9



Series D-47



One need not be told it is  
Christmastime. The glowing  
faces of friend and  
stranger alike bespeak it.  
It gives us the same thrill as  
of old to wish all our friends  
and those who are still to  
become our friends.  
a very Merry Christmas.

## WEAVER BOTTLE GAS CO.

Don Weaver



Hang High The  
Colorful  
Christmas  
Wreath — — —  
And a Very  
MERRIE  
CHRISTMAS

To One And All, From The

MARSHALL COMPANY

Melvin J. Marshall



## Plan Your New Year's Eve Party NOW!

Hats, Horns, Balloons and  
Fun Galore

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HORSE SHOE LAKE INN

On US-27 Between Grayling and Gaylord

We desire to express our hearty appreciation  
for your patronage during the past year, and  
trust that our service to you has been such as  
will merit its continuance.

MAY YOUR CHRISTMAS BE  
A MERRY ONE!

Sorenson's Sporting Goods

## SEASON'S GREETINGS AND BEST WISHES FOR A MERRY CHRISTMAS

Long Distance lines are  
still overloaded.  
During the Holidays,  
please use Long Distance  
only if the call is urgent.

Tri-County Telephone Company

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Frederic, Mich.

### EVERY DAY PRICES

Beef Roasts, Chuck, per lb.	42c
Round or Sirloin Steak, per lb.	49c
T-Bone Steak, per lb.	55c
Standing Rib, Boneless and Rolled, per lb.	55c
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Pure ground Beef, per lb.	44c
Stew Beef, per lb.	30c
Pork Roast, Boston Butts, per lb.	55c

WE ALSO HAVE A COMPLETE LINE OF FINE  
GROCERIES, FRESH AND FROZEN FRUITS  
AND VEGETABLES FROM WHICH TO MAKE  
YOUR CHOICE.

### PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING NEWS

Permit us to inform you that we also have available a supply  
of the original, one and only, Louis' Cabin Famous Salad Dress-  
ing. For the benefit of all who are familiar with this high  
class product and wish to have it. This is truly an addition to  
your gift list and a rare treat for your table. Price only 75c for  
a full pint. This information is not an advertisement for this  
worthy product. It is solely a timely response and welcome  
answer to many wishes, as that highly descriptive label of the  
product will fully prove.

## Bits O' Talk

Mr. and Mrs. Wm Tufts (Pauline Schoonover) have moved into their newly constructed home on the Manistee River.

See the new fully automatic Bendix Washing Machine at B-C-D Equipment Co., Inc., "on the corner."

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Hendrickson and son, Alfred, motored to Houston, Texas, to spend Xmas with her parents. Mr. and Mrs. MacDonald.

Conserve your precious fuel oil, install a thermostat on your fuel oil burning space heater. B-C-D Equipment Co. Phone 3531.

Miss Barbara Ann Borchers is spending the Christmas vacation from C.M.C.S. Mt. Pleasant with her parents the Ernest Borchers.

Mrs. Wm. Powell left Sunday for Detroit to spend holiday with son, Gerald and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Billsby are spending Christmas with his parents, at Sheppherd, Mich.

Mr. and Mrs. LeRoy Christian and daughter, Jacquelyn, left Friday night for Phoenixville, Pa., to spend the holidays visiting Mrs. Christian's mother.

Order your bottled gas from B-C-D "on the corner." We have fittings, tubing, tanks and regulators to install gas for you and we can supply the gas after installation.

Miss Iris Madsen is home from school to spend the Christmas season with her parents the Clare Madsens.

Leo Koerper spent the week end at his home here and Mrs. Koerper accompanied him to Detroit on Sunday to spend the holidays.

Captain and Mrs. Clyde Borchers and son, Billy, arrived Thursday morning from Great Falls, Montana, to spend the holidays. They are en route to Florida.

Miss Rose Bishaw is home from Mt. Pleasant to spend the holidays with her parents, the Fred Bishaws.

Roger Giegling is home from the University of Michigan and Miss Emily from Michigan State spending the holidays with their parents Mr. and Mrs. Emil Giegling and sister Miss Sue.

Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Lemler have left to spend the winter in Chubbuck, Indiana.

Bruce Nielsen has returned home after spending six weeks in Howell visiting his cousin Weldon Nielsen.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Nielsen Sr. spent Monday of last week in Traverse City and Petoskey.

Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Nielsen expect to spend Christmas in Lansing.

Wesley Kumpula and son Jim are spending the holidays in Waukegan and Chicago, Ill. with his brother Charles and family.

Col. Harry E. Loomis, acting state quartermaster general, who was hospitalized in November due to a heart condition is reported improving at St. Lawrence Hospital in Lansing, according to Lt. Col. Milton Shaw, attending physician.

Alfred Hanson is home from Michigan State College to spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Hanson.

Mr. and Mrs. George Griffith recently returned from spending ten days visiting friends in Fort Wayne, Ind.

Miss Caroline Nelson is home from the U. of M. to spend the holidays with her parents, the A. J. Nelsons.

Mr. and Mrs. Lowell Whiting expect to spend the week end in Lansing.

Ed Carlson, Jr., is home from Detroit to spend Christmas with his mother and sister.

LeRoy Papendick has received his discharge from the Navy and arrived home on Friday. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John Papendick.

Dr. and Mrs. Dwight Stiles and three daughters of Dayton, Ohio, Mr. and Mrs. John Derrickson and two daughters of Muskegon and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Bernard and two daughters of Pontiac expect to spend Christmas with the ladies parents, Dr. and Mrs. R. A. VanVleck.

The Grayling Fire Department was called to Duke's Hotel last Wednesday evening when a motor overheated and threatened fire.

Earl Nelson is home to spend Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Nelson.

Mrs. William Strope and Mr. and Mrs. Edwin LeButt and son left Tuesday night for Detroit to spend Christmas. Mrs. Strope

will remain for the winter. Truman Marlatt arrived Sunday from Detroit and accompanied them.

Mrs. Signe Randolph spent a few days in Cadillac the first of the week with her daughter, Mrs. Stanley Stephan and family.

Mrs. Lulu Shaw left for Detroit Tuesday evening of last week to spend the winter.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Wade are in Toledo, Ohio to spend the holidays with their daughter and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Smith and daughter, Ann, arrived Tuesday evening to spend Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. F. Schumann.

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The James Bakers (Joan Bishaw) of Bluffton, Ind., are here to spend Christmas with her parents, the Fred Bishaw family.



This Merry Christmas  
is to you.

There is no wish  
we can give more true  
than this jolly  
old fellow  
is now bringing  
to you.

VINCENT'S  
SHELL  
Service Station

## GREETINGS OF THE SEASON



We wish to extend our sincere  
best wishes to our cus-  
tomers and thank them for  
past business and their con-  
fidence in us, and hope that  
we may be of service during  
the coming year.

HAYES  
UPHOLSTERY  
SHOP

## MERRY CHRISTMAS FOLKS!

The snowman will fade as the  
weather warms, and too soon  
we forget the joys of Christmas  
and its mellowing effect upon  
our lives. It is our hope that  
this Christmas of 1947 will  
bring you many a blessing in  
the weeks and months ahead.

HOERL'S  
TAVERN  
HARRY HOERL

McWILLIAMS  
BARBER SHOP

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### Free Methodist Church Revival

Rev. and Mrs. G. W. Forrester evangelist and song director will be at the church December 28 to January 18 each evening except Saturday at 7:30 P. M. Mr. Forrester is a southerner from the Mountains of Tennessee. "God Sent Man, Ropes and Rags, Mighty Moments, Two Unseen Powers, The Palm Tree Christian, Tying the Hands of God, How Can We Know the Voice of God" are the topics chosen by Mr. Forrester. There will be inspirational singing and Rev. Bertha Davis offers all a friendly welcome.

### Participates In College Christmas Pageant

Barbara Borchers, Grayling junior at Central Michigan College, participated in the biannual Christmas pageant given in Mt. Pleasant Wednesday evening, December 17. Miss Borchers was a member of the echo choir which accompanied Darleen Hess, Vassar soprano and featured vocalist, in the singing of "Birthday of a King" by Niedlinger. The pageant was sponsored by the college music department.

### Enjoy Annual Xmas Party

Mrs. Van Smith opened her home at Lake Margrethe to Home Extension Group III for their second annual Christmas party Monday evening. It was a potluck dinner and the table was lovely in the Christmas colors with a decorated yule log holding lighted tapers for the centerpiece and miniature yule logs and tapers marking each place. After dinner gifts were exchanged and the remainder of the evening spent playing bridge and pinochle.

### Entertain Hospital Aid

The Sisters of Mercy held their annual Christmas party at the nurses home Tuesday afternoon of last week, for all members of the Hospital Aid.

The home was beautifully decorated with a large Christmas tree and there was an arrangement of Jesus in the manger on the fireplace mantle.

The ladies played cards, Mrs. Frank Bond held high score at bridge, Mrs. Jack Wilkins at "500" and Mrs. Wesley LaGrow at pinochle. Twenty members were present and all received a lovely gift from the Sisters.

A buffet lunch was served from a table spread with a lace cloth and centered with an arrangement of evergreens and colorful Xmas balls and guarded by red tapers. Mrs. Thomas Cassidy presided at the table.

Two little misses were present to complete the party, Susan Hayes and Marcia Sorenson, who both enjoyed the Christmas tree.

The sisters were grand hostesses and the Aid members express their appreciation and thank them very much for the lovely party.

### HOLLYWOOD — HEAVEN FOR ORPHANS

Behind Hollywood's glamour and tinsel is a warmly human story of family life. Meet the stars and their adopted youngsters in "Hollywood — Heaven for Orphans," one of a wealth of information and intriguing features in that favorite magazine, The American Weekly, with this Sunday's (December 28) issue of The Detroit Sunday Times.

## CHRISTMAS

Is the one great event  
that transcends the  
bounds of any one  
country and embraces  
the whole world. In  
much the same way  
there is no limit or  
bounds to our good  
wishes for you for a  
Merry Christmas.

Jorgenson's  
Building Maintenance  
Stephen Jorgenson

## MERRY CHRISTMAS

And Season's Best Wishes  
from

VERN PERRY'S  
AUSABLE RIVER INN

## GREETINGS

Music and song and happiness everywhere!  
Lighted windows, green trees brilliant with  
glowing bulbs, all contributing to the grand  
sum total of Christmas.

It's fine to celebrate Christmas again  
this season of 1947, fine to have finished  
another year in this community of happy  
homes and friendly people.

Tip Top Togs  
For TOTS and TEENS  
MARIE HERRICK, Owner

## TO OUR MANY FRIENDS



... AND MAY THE  
SPIRIT OF THIS  
DAY LINGER ON,  
BRINGING CHEER  
AND COMFORT  
LONG AFTER  
CHRISTMAS DAY  
ITSELF IS GONE.

MARGOT'S GIFT SHOP  
IN THE SHOPPENAGONS INN BLDG.

## Season's Greetings To Everyone

Saturday, Dec. 27, Specials

Chocolate Eclairs  
Buttercream Jelly Rolls  
Cherry Tarts  
Vanilla Cream Cup Cakes  
100 per cent Whole Wheat Bread  
at all times.

Try our Homemade White Bread, it is differently  
delicious — Wholesome and makes the best of  
toast. We have a bakery item for your every need.  
Cream Puffs, Eclairs and Patty Shells by order.  
Individual party cakes and decorated cakes our  
specialty.

Let Us Serve You With the Best.

Grayling Pastry Shop  
383 Cedar Street

## Bits O' Talk

Judge Ray Clement has been confined to his home because of illness for several days.

Mrs. Floyd Goshorn, son, Henry Wylie, and daughter, Miss Janice Goshorn, are spending the winter in Arizona.

Miss Greta Rasmussen invited in a number of her girl friends Saturday in celebration of her twelfth birthday which falls on December 24. Beatrice Quinn, Joan Andrews and Sally Bishaw won prizes in the contests played.

The group enjoyed birthday cake jello and pop and all wished Greta many more happy birthdays.

Mrs. Susie Wythe expects to leave Christmas night for Marshall, Michigan, to spend several days with her daughter, Mrs. Clifford Fuller and son, Carlton, and their families, before leaving for San Jose, California, to spend the winter.

NOTICE—Closed the remainder of this week. Bill's Shoe Repair. Josephine Dunn and Mrs. Charles Tucker (Mildred Green) of Muskegon were visitors here Monday. Miss Dunn is now employed at the Norge factory and



reports she likes it very well.

Kenneth Peterson is home from the U. of M. to spend the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hans Peterson. He has as his guest Miss Cavendish Williams of Wyandotte, also a student at the University.

Miss Gene Puffer with her sister, Mrs. R. Trowbridge of Colman, spent the week end and several days in Lansing. Mrs. Trowbridge and children expect to spend Christmas with her parents, Rev. and Mrs. R. C. Puffer.

John Cottle of St. Ignace was expected on Wednesday to spend Christmas with his daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Hoesh.

Mr. and Mrs. Milo Thorpe and Clifford Thorpe of Alpena were Friday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Bud Darveau.

Dennis Day is home from Ohio State to spend Christmas with his parents, the Glen Days.

Rev. and Mrs. R. C. Puffer expect to visit his mother and stepfather, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Sebring, and sister, Miss Emma in Ewart during the Christmas season.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Freeman of Gagetown are spending the holidays with their daughter and family, the Willard Cornells.

Mr. and Mrs. Sigwald Hanson are spending Christmas in Mt. Pleasant.

The Eugene Lawlers expect to spend Christmas Day with her parents in Saginaw.

Boys who left hockey sticks and skates in car, call at Avalanche for same.

Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Purdy and children of Detroit are expected to spend Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Walter F. Truettner.

Mary Ann and Charlene Maines of Ormond Beach, Florida, visited their aunt, Mrs. Robert Strong, last Thursday. They are spending some time with their grandmother, Mrs. Harvey Pontius of Higgins Lake.

## SOUTH SIDE NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. B. H. Yoder entertained Mr. and Mrs. B. Yoder, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Yoder and families of Leaning, Mrs. Addie B. Kieser and lady friend of Petoskey, Mr. and Mrs. William Bielski of Grayling and Mr. Richard Yoder and friend from Lansing at a family Christmas party Sunday at their home.

Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Wardlow of Saginaw are spending the Christmas holidays with Mrs. Wardlow's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Bigham.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Ingalls and sister, Monala Ingalls of Flint spent from Saturday until Monday at the home of Clarence's and Monala's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Cholo.

Mrs. Andrew Cholo celebrated her 62nd birthday on December 23. All of her children were present Saturday night for a birthday dinner. The table was centered with a 3 layer birthday cake. Present were Clarence Ingalls and family of Flint, Herman and family of Muskegon, Pat Gilbert of Vanderbilt, Ora Ingalls and family, Mr. and Mrs. Walter LaMotte and family, Monala Ingalls of Flint, Charles Hanover and Fred Ingalls and family.

Miss Josephine Dunn and Mrs. Green of Muskegon spent Monday visiting Mrs. Andrew Cholo, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Bigham and other relatives and friends.

Mrs. Andrew Cholo spent a week visiting her daughter, Mrs. Charles Hanover, in Detroit and her son, Clarence Ingalls in Flint.

Mrs. Blagit and son, Harold, spent Sunday visiting Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Cholo. Michelson Memorial Youth Fellowship group will meet at Michelson Memorial Church Jan. 2, at 7:30. Each one is to bring his own sandwiches, skates, or skis or whatever they wish to take to the Winter Sports Park. Transportation will be furnished and hot chocolate will be furnished by Mrs. George Hilton and Mrs. Ernest Larson.

Clara Lazarowicz, Sec.

**CALVARY CHURCH NEWS**  
The girls class had a Xmas party Saturday evening at the Barnes home. The evening was spent singing carols and playing games after which lunch was served.

## New Year's Celebration

Hoerl's Tavern

1/2 mile south of Grayling on US-27

Dancing  
Favors

and gifts exchanged. Everyone reported a wonderful time.  
Lou Ann McEvers.

## FAREWELL PARTY

Tuesday evening of last week Miss Pat Stephan was hostess at a farewell dinner party given in honor of Melvin Marshall, Jr., who left for the Army Thursday.

There were fourteen young people seated at the table that was decorated with a centerpiece of evergreen and red tapers and each place was marked with place cards made with evergreen and red and green Xmas candles. Dinner was served by candlelight. After dinner dancing was enjoyed until 10 o'clock when they all went home.

## ZION'S LEAGUE ORGANIZED

A Zion's League, under the leadership of the Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints was organized at the home of Rex Hunter on December 14. December 21 they held their Christmas worship service at the home of Leonard Jensen at Hart-

## A Merry Christmas And Happy New Year

To all of our patrons.  
Accept our thanks and season's best wishes for your past patronage.

## RED AND WHITE STORE

Frank Payne, Prop.

## THE YULETIDE SEASON

Brings joyous greetings to all our customers and an appreciation for the considerations we have enjoyed during the past year. Our good wishes to you and yours.

## RON'S HARDWARE

## CHERRIO, FRIENDS

O Years may come and years may go but Santa Claus is with us forever. He's coming again this year, with a full pack. So sweep out your chimney and get ready for the jolly visitor, who has had special orders from us to bless your home with a very Merry Christmas.

## SORENSEN'S QUALITY FOODS

wick Pines. Some 20 youth assembled at 4 P. M. The worship was in charge of Patsy Stephan, leader. Mrs. Babbitt and Trassie Stephan. The life of Jesus was portrayed with songs, scripture, readings, story and flannelgraph. Following this a fellowship was enjoyed with a delicious supper. Mrs. Leonard Jensen acting as co-hostess. The next meeting which will be Sunday night will be a sleigh ride sponsored by Cynthia Stephan, chairman of the recreation.

The league group attended the very beautiful and inspiring Christmas program which followed theirs that same evening at the Michelson Memorial Church.

Other officers are president, Leonard Jensen, Jr. secretary, Marlene Jensen; worship chairman, Patricia Stephan; study chairman, Howard Babbitt; service chairman, Rex Hunter.

## Christmas Program

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Christmas carols in which each of the orchestra members (Joan Bond, James Richardson, Jim Kumpula, Barbara Nelson, Betsy Niederer, George Granger, Sally Gross, Shirley Souder, Robert Smith, Phyllis Ziebel played solos. Mrs. Emil Niederer, violin, and Mrs. Clippert, piano, played accompaniment to the orchestra numbers. A candlelight recital ended the program. The choir was made up of children from the fourth grade up.

Mrs. Clippert, Mrs. Niederer and Mrs. Cook were assisted by the Sunday School teachers, Rev. Puffer and Mrs. A. Funck, Mrs. Wm. Nawatny, Miss Margrethe Bauman, Mrs. Harry Souder, Mrs. Ray Clement and Mrs. Ella Wilcox. Richard Souder handled the spotlight.

The church had been very beautifully decorated with evergreens and a Christmas tree for the program by Ernest Borchers. The decorations were presented by Mr. and Mrs. Fred R. Welsh.

The Sunday morning program was as follows:

Prelude, Organ, Mrs. Clippert, violin Mrs. Niederer, and choir, medley "Yuletide Memories," Trio, Don Gotho, Howard Schmidt and Dr. Leonard Allison, "Star of Bethlehem," Solo, Howard Schmidt, "There's a Song in the Air," Message, Rev. Puffer, "There's a Song in the Air, There's a Star in the Sky," Solo, Miss Gloria Nolan of Roscommon, "Silent Night."

Miss Barbara Ann Borchers, who is home for Christmas vacation sang with the choir.

## Slain Doe's Tag Reveals History

It might have been just another doe shot and left to rot in the woods if the hunter who found it, already spoiled, had not retrieved its ear tag, No. 3282, and asked the Conservation Department its history.

Department records show the doe, born in the spring of 1939, was ear-tagged February 5, 1940, when it was trapped on the Hanson refuge. Then a fawn weighing 65 pounds, it was hauled 12 miles to the north branch of the Manistee River, released on the very same section where the hunter found it dead nearly eight years later.

## Eight Local Students At U. of M.

Eight students from Crawford County are among the 20,637 students enrolled at the University of Michigan. They are all from Grayling: Howard DeLaMater, literary, V. Max L. Ferguson, literary, V. Roger R. Giegling, education, V. Caroline M. Nelson, literary, Donald R. Peterson, literary, V. Kenneth L. Peterson, literary, V. Robert H. Skingley, engineering, Allan J. Stevenson, literary, V. V. following the course name, means-veteran.

## Lansing Wedding

(Continued from front page.) in rose-colored gowns and their flowers were orchid-colored chrysanthemums.

Following the ceremony a reception was held in the church parlors. When the newlyweds returned from their honeymoon, they will live in a home on Route 3, Lansing.

## Maple Forest

Mrs. Rufus Edmonds was hostess to the Home Extension Club No. 2 last Wednesday evening.

Home Extension Club No. 1 met with Mrs. Ed Feldhauser last Thursday afternoon. Plans were completed for the Community Christmas party. Groups 1 and 2 agreed to share the responsibilities of this holiday event.

The Roy Smalls went to Mt. Pleasant returning Friday. Their grandsons, Tommy and Jimmie Peterson, came with them to spend the holidays here.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Olson celebrated their 30th wedding anniversary Saturday. Congratulations. The Robert Feldhausers were their supper guests that evening to help them celebrate the occasion.

Gloria J. Feldhauser is home from C. M. C. to spend the Christmas vacation with her parents, the Ed Feldhausers.

The Community extends their deepest sympathy to the J. Car-

clay family in their recent bereavement. The Sunday School party was held Saturday evening with about 30 people in attendance.

Grace Woodburn is home from Grand Rapids to spend the holidays with the Wm. Woodburns.

Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Hummel and sons, Stanley, Jr., Jack and Rolly went to Traverse City Saturday.

Nancy Papenfus spent the week end with her cousin, Lou Ann McEvers at Lake Margrethe.

Jack and Rolly Hummel each received a ribbon in recognition for display of table stock potatoes. Stanley Hummel received a

sweepstakes ribbon, having been named champion of the premier table stock growers show. He won with a yield of 535 bushels of potatoes per acre with no irrigation.

## CHRISTMAS PROGRAM AT FREDERIC BIBLE CHURCH

Wednesday, 8 P. M. will be the annual Christmas program by the Sunday school pupils. During the program the children will be decorating a Christmas tree. The Christmas story will be told in song featuring Shirley Souder as soloist and Christmas chorus. Special awards and candy will be given out.

## Joy to All

This Christmas Season

One need not be told it is Christmas time. The glowing faces of friends and stranger alike bespeaks it.

It gives us the same thrill as always to wish all our friends, and those who are still to become our friends

## A Very Merry Christmas ROYAL CLEANERS

## At The Hotel Colonial Cocktail Lounge

ROSCOMMON, MICHIGAN

## Christmas Night, December 25

Dance to the Music of

## THE COMOVA RANCH BOYS

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Door Charge . . . . . 60c Per Person

## BRING YOUR REQUESTS



## A star in the sky

a light in the window, and hope in the heart! It's Christmas again, good folks of this community. . . . the season when even strangers nod at you and smile. So we are sending you these wishes for Christmas cheer and happiness in your home.

## LONG'S MARKET

## Merry Christmas

This Holiday Season provides an opportunity to express our appreciation for the co-operation and help of the people of Grayling and for the many new friendships acquired since our move here last spring.

## BEAR Archery Company



Once again the joyous spell of Christmas is cast over us, as we hurry about with gifts for those we love. That warm glow we get from giving at this holy season cannot be duplicated at any other time of the year. It is our sincere wish that a full measure of happiness may be yours, this Christmas of 1947.

## HANSON'S SPORTING GOODS STORE



Christmas Greetings and all good wishes for a Happy New Year

GRAYLING 5c to \$1.00 STORE